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21 December 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: *HAK* GENERAL HAIG

FROM: ADMIRAL WELANDER *W*

SUBJECT: ARVN Interdiction Operations into Base Areas 701/702

You may recall my memo of 16 November on the same subject and HAK's notation thereon (copy attached).

In response to a CJCS query as to the desirability of extending operational authorities for US air support beyond 20 December, both COMUSMACV and CINCPAC recommended a 60 day extension to encourage continued RVNAF disruption of enemy operations during the current dry season buildup. COMUSMACV cited a battalion-sized raid on 14 December into Base Area 702 which met with moderate success (but was not highlighted in reports back to Washington) and plans for similar raids to be conducted on 18 and 20 December.

The Chairman supported this request and on 20 December the SECDEF granted an extension of authorities until 29 February 1972.

While the operations have not been of the scale or frequency foreseen in early November, I would assume such is due in some measure to RVNAF focus on the other operations since undertaken into the Chup and Southern Cambodia and, recently, the concentration of air assets in Northern Laos. This aspect is being investigated.

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ARMY review completed.

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You may have seen yesterday's intelligence report 25X1 regarding LTG Dzu's plans for interdiction operations in MR

Planning for the first phase of operations into Base Areas 701/702 is essentially complete with operations tentatively scheduled to begin on 20 November 1971.

Based on COMUSMACV and CINCPAC recommendations, the ACJCS requested requisite authorities for U.S. support of the ARVN. The attached CM outlines the concept of operations and the scope of U.S. support.

Last night SECDEF granted authority to provide the requested support until the completion of operations but NLT 20 Decem

You will recall that the FANK/ARVN operations into the Chu area are also tentatively planned to commence about 20-22 November.

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