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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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October 7, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: John H. Holdridge JH/MA

SUBJECT: Actions on Cambodia

The report for the President of actions on Cambodia from September 22 through 12 midnight, October 5 is enclosed (Tab I).

The reports submitted by State, Defense, and CIA are at Tab II for your information. I assume you will not wish to pass them to the President.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward the report at Tab I to the President.

Enclosures

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INFORMATION

October 10, 1970

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*

SUBJECT: Actions on Cambodia

The following is a consolidation of two weekly reports on actions taken or underway on Cambodia from September 22 through 12 midnight, October 5.

Military Operations:

-- Ground. Enemy activity follows the previous patterns of harassment and raids with emphasis along Routes 4, 5 and 6. Operation Chenla forces continue to patrol and to consolidate their positions around Tang Kouk despite increasing enemy pressure.

-- Air.

	<u>U.S.</u>	<u>VNAF</u>
B-52	31	0
TACAIR	289	355
Reconnaissance	472	38

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Military Assistance: Equipment deliveries during week ending 3 October were slightly less than preceding week, \$1.650 million compared with \$1.7 million last week. Material delivered during week ending 3 October follows:

	<u>U. S. Source</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Aircraft Cargo, C-47	2	-
Small Arms Weapons	1,097	-
Crew Served Weapons	16	-
Small Arms Ammunition (rounds)	4,332,000	-
Crew Served Ammunition (rounds)	76,759	-
Mines	1,818	-
Communications Eq (Radios)	20	-
Howitzers, Towed, 105 mm	2 (on loan)	-

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-- Admiral McCain's Visit to Phnom Penh: Ambassador Swank reports that the lavish reception and maximum public exposure given Admiral McCain during his October 3-5 visit to Phnom Penh was Lon Nol's way of thanking the U.S. for our military aid while demonstrating his government's confidence in Cambodia's political-military position and foreign policy orientation. In the course of briefings, Cambodian generals described the inadequacies of their equipment and their need for better communications equipment and armed personnel carriers.

-- Cambodia Proclaimed a Republic: State reports that the Cambodian National Assembly voted October 6 to amend the constitution to eliminate the monarchy and establish a republic. The change will be proclaimed October 9 to take effect November 1. State will not comment publicly on this change since it is an internal Cambodian matter which does not raise any question of diplomatic recognition.

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Political and Diplomatic Developments

1. Proclamation of a Republic. The Cambodian National Assembly voted October 6 to amend the Cambodian constitution so as to eliminate the monarchy and establish a republic. The change will be formally proclaimed October 9, immediately before Chief of State Cheng Heng leaves to attend the UN General Assembly. It is scheduled to take effect November 1. Our line will be that the change is a Cambodian internal matter, on which we have no comment, and that it does not raise any question of diplomatic recognition. The change is an interim one pending preparation and adoption of a new constitution.

2. CINCPAC Visit. Ambassador Swank has reported that Lon Nol and his government gave the warmest possible welcome to Admiral McCain on his visit to Phnom Penh Oct. 3-5. Although Swank and McCain had hoped to keep the visit in medium to low key, Lon Nol ruled otherwise and treated the McCain party as State guests. It was evident that he was using the occasion of the visit of the highest-ranking U.S. military commander to come to Phnom Penh since resumption of diplomatic relations to signal his sincere gratitude for U.S. assistance and his increased confidence in the GOC's position. A point of special interest in the military briefings was the emphasis which the GOC is placing on psychological operations - e.g., in the current offensive up Route 6. Ambassador Swank notes that unless we wish to indicate a significantly higher degree of commitment than we have done thus far, official visits of high ranking officials will have to be judiciously spaced.


For Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

6 OCT 1970

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

In reply refer to:
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
ATTN: MR. HERBERT LEVIN

SUBJECT: Weekly Report - Cambodia

Attached is the subject report requested in your August 15, 1970 memorandum.

Enclosure: 1
Report

cc: SecDef
DepSecDef
C/JCS

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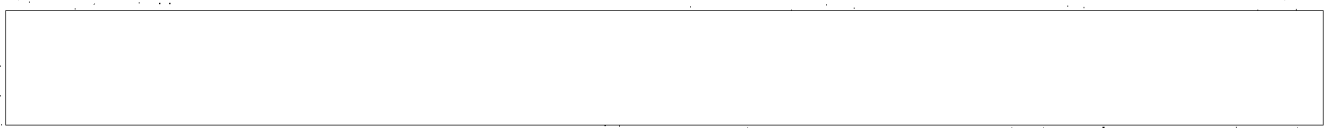
REPORT ON CAMBODIA, WEEK ENDING 3 OCTOBER 1970

MILITARY OPERATIONS

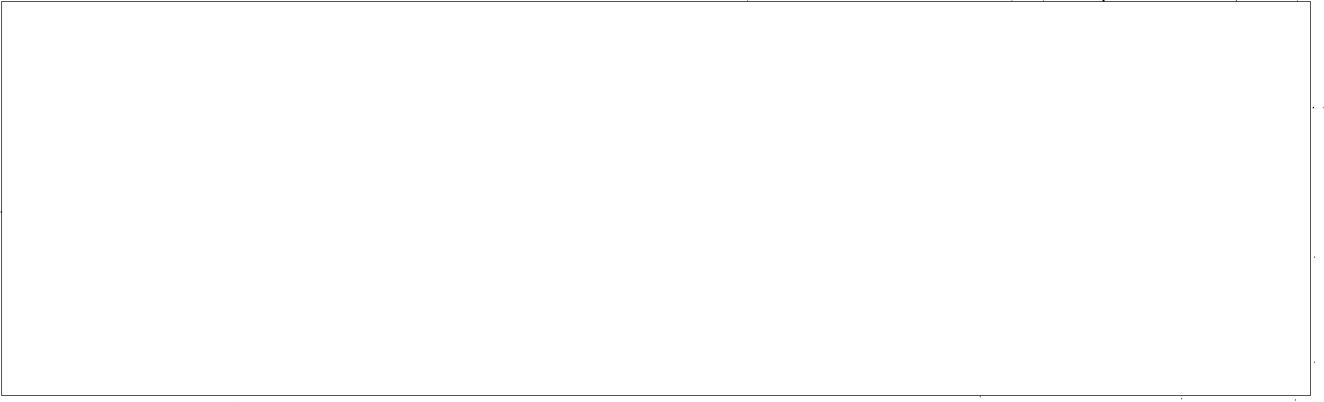
Ground. Enemy activity follows the previous patterns of harassment and raids with emphasis along Routes 4, 5 and 6 and in the vicinity of Siem Reap and Battambang. Operation Chenla forces continue to patrol and to consolidate their positions in and around Tang Kouk in spite of increasing enemy pressure.

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	<u>U.S.</u>	<u>VNAF</u>
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TACAIR	116	120
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* No third country or captured items provided.

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