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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: Actions on Cambodia

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The following is a report on actions taken or underway on Cambodia from July 17 through 6:00 p.m., July 20.

Military Operations: During this period, ARVN units engaged enemy forces near Kampot, Svay Rieng, and Takeo. Five significant contacts in these areas resulted in 103 enemy killed, with ARVN losses of 12 killed and 48 wounded.

-- US/VNAF air operations during the period included 113 reconnaissance, 222 tactical, and 51 B-52 strikes.

Third Country Military Forces in Support of Cambodia: That air operations in northwest Cambodia are now averaging about 100 sorties per month, with a planned increase to 250-300 sorties per month. This higher rate of operations can be sustained by the That for only four to six weeks before ammunition and POL supplies are depleted to war reserve levels. The That are expecting U.S. support.

Military Assistance: The following captured equipment was delivered to Cambodia during July 17-20:

7.62	mm.	Light Machine Guns	7	
7.5	mm.	Light Machine Guns	5	
7.5	mm.	MAS-36 Rifles	198	
7.62	mm.	Light Machine Gun ammunition	408,120	rds.
7.5	mm.	Light Machine Gun ammunition	14, 175	rds.
12.7	mm.	Heavy Machine Gun ammunition	129,846	rds.
82	mm.	Mortar ammunition	101	rds.
57	mm.	Recoilless Rifles ammunition	20	rds.

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-- The following U.S. equipment was delivered to Cambodia during July 17-20:

. 30 cal Carbine ammunition	4,217,000 rds.
M-16 Rifle ammunition	416,640 rds.
M-79 ammunition	2,808 rds.
2.75" Rockets	720
2.75" Rocket Launchers	24
105 mm. Howitzer ammunition	2,040 rds.
105 mm. Fuzes	5,920
MK 82 Bombs	200
500 lb Napalm Bombs	200
Bomb trailers	2

-- Cumulative Shipments to Cambodia by Type and Source Since April 22:

	Totals of U.S. Equipment Delivered	Totals of Captured Equipment Delivered
small arms	27,644	15,486
crew served weapons	1,013	1,811
vehicles	40	0
radios/equipment	323	0
small arms ammo	14,296,828 rds.	2,623,170 rds.
crew served weapons ammo	1,099,386 rds.	2,665,328 rds.
artillery munitions	9,000 rds.	0

- -- Training of the first Thai-Khmer volunteer regiment has begun in Thailand. The unit has 1,748 men, 137 short of authorized strength.
- -- The first group of 81 FANK officers and 273 NCO's were scheduled to arrive in Thailand for training on July 20. No U.S. support has yet been committed for this undertaking, and Ambassador Unger has recommended that we subsidize training costs with funds from our FY 71 MAP shortfall.
- -- More than 500 Khmer recruits from South Vietnam have begun training. This GVN program will provide training for a total of 1,000 Khmer recruits for duty in Cambodia.

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-- The Indonesian Ambassador in Phnom Penh told Charge Rives that his government has agreed to train 391 Cambodian police and military personnel (mostly police) in four increments between July and September. Indonesia is paying all costs in Indonesia, but is asking us for transportation costs and family allowances.

Rives recommends that we pay transportation costs if possible, but that the GOC be required to finance family allowances.

Diplomatic: Trial balloons from Bangkok and Vice President Ky on a regional military alliance of Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and South Vietnam have now been shot down by President Thieu, Prime Minister Lon Nol, and Prime Minister Souvanna Phouma. All have expressed interest in closer cooperation, but have rejected the concept of a military alliance.

Information: The USS Whitfield County will soon deliver a 10-kw mobile transmitter, along with six Cambodian technicians who have been familiarized in its use. It will improve the audibility of Radio Phnom Penh in outlying areas. A U.S. technician is also in Phnom Penh, helping to return the Cambodian 120-kw transmitter and to identify additional parts needed for improving the station's capabilities.

Actions to Improve Intelligence Capabilities: The movement of 250 Cambodian volunteers from Phnom Penh to south Laos has been completed. These volunteers will be trained as small reconnaissance teams and infiltrated into northeast Cambodia.