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FOR DELIVERY TO PETER RODMAN/WINSTON LORD FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

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TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER

FORM: GENERAL HAIG

REFERENCE: HAK TO 6, SIT TO 15.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AT TAB A IS THE MOST RECENT ALLEGATION WHICH IS SOMEWHAT STRONGER THAN THE EARLIER ONE. A SUGGESTED DRAFT RESPONSE TO BOTH NOTES IS AT TAB B.

AS YOU KNOW I HAVE ASKED FOR AN URGENT INVESTIGATION OF THE LATEST ALLEGATIONS (TAB A) AND HAVE RE-ESTABLISHED THE BUFFER. TRAFFIC INDICATES THERE MAY HAVE BEEN ADDITIONAL INTRUSION EARLY ON JUNE 11 (SAIGON TIME) AND I AM HAVING THIS INVESTIGATED AS WELL.

TABS A AND B

FOLLOWING THE U.S. MILITARY PLANES' INTRUSION OF CHINA'S AIRSPACE OVER PINGHSIANG AREA, KWANGSI PROVINCE ON JUNE 4, U.S. MILITARY PLANES AGAIN INTRUDED INTO CHINA'S KWANGSI PROVINCE FROM THE DIRECTION OF VIET NAM THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION ON JUNE 9:

THE FIRST BATCH OF TWO PLANES INTRUDED INTO THE AIRSPACE OVER NINGMING AREA AT 11:25 - 11:28 HOURS (PEKING TIME, THE SAME HEREAFTER) AND PENETRATED 20 KILOMETRES IN WIDTH AND 8 KILOMETRES IN DEPTH; THE SECOND BATCH OF FOUR PLANES INTRUDED INTO THE AIRSPACE OVER NINGMING AREA AT 11:32 - 11:33 HOURS AND PENETRATED 12 KILOMETRES IN WIDTH AND 3 KILOMETRES IN DEPTH; THE SAME BATCH OF PLANES INTRUDED INTO THE AIRSPACE OVER TUNGHSING AREA AT 11:37 - 11:39 HOURS AND PENETRATED 30 KILOMETRES IN WIDTH AND 10 KILOMETRES IN DEPTH. THE CHINESE SIDE ONCE AGAIN LODGES A PROTEST WITH THE U.S. SIDE AGAINST THE REPEATED INTRUSIONS INTO CHINA'S AIRSPACE BY U.S. MILITARY PLANES WHILE THEY ARE CARRYING OUT WANTON BOMBING RAIDS AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM AND STRONGLY DEMANDS THAT THE U.S. SIDE IMMEDIATELY TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO STOP THE RECURRENCE OF SIMILAR INTRUSIONS.

THE U.S. SIDE HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED TWO NOTES FROM THE CHINESE SIDE CONCERNING POSSIBLE INTRUSIONS OF U.S. AIRCRAFT INTO AIRSPACE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN MADE INTO THE ALLEGATION THAT A GROUP OF FOUR U.S. MILITARY PLANES INTRUDED INTO CHINESE AIRSPACE ON JUNE 4, 1972. THE INVESTIGATION COVERED AIRCRAFT FLIGHT PATHS, PROCEDURES FOLLOWED, AIRCRAFT NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT, FLIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS AND OTHER MEANS USED TO ENSURE AGAINST INADVERTENT INTRUSIONS. ALTHOUGH U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE FLYING NEAR THE BORDER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AT THE TIME, EXAMINATION OF ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE HAS REVEALED NO INDICATION OF AN INTRUSION. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE CONFLICTING INTERPRETATIONS OF THIS INCIDENT BY THE TWO SIDES IS DUE TO

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INTRUSION ON JUNE 4, 1972 WAS "OBVIOUSLY NOT INADVERTENT."
NUMEROUS PRECAUTIONS WERE TAKEN TO PREVENT ANY INTRUSIONS AND
IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT ALL AIR CREW MEMBERS WERE THOROUGHLY
BRIEFED PRIOR TO FLIGHTS ON THAT DATE AS TO THE ABSOLUTE
NECESSITY OF RIGIDLY ADHERING TO PRACTICES DESIGNED TO PREVENT
INADVERTANT VIOLATIONS OF PRC AIRSPACE.

THE U.S. SIDE IS CONDUCTING ON AN URGENT BASIS AN INVESTIGATION
INTO THE ALLEGATIONS, DESCRIBED IN THE NOTE DELIVERED TO THE
U.S. SIDE ON JUNE 10, 1972, THAT THREE ADDITIONAL INTRUSIONS
OCCURRED ON JUNE 9. THE U.S. SIDE SHARES THE DEEP CONCERN OF
THE CHINESE SIDE OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER ACCIDENTAL
INTRUSIONS INTO CHINESE AIRSPACE. SUBJECT TO CONCLUSION OF
A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF THESE ALLEGATIONS, THE U.S. SIDE
HAS TAKEN EVEN MORE STRINGENT PRECAUTIONS TO GUARD AGAINST
INADVERTANT INTRUSIONS INTO THE AIRSPACE OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

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