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FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

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FROM: SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING CABLE SUMMARY FOR SUNDAY JUNE 11, 1972.

STRAINS IN NORTH VIETNAM SIMILAR TO 1965-68 PROBLEMS: OUR SAIGON EMBASSY REPORTED THAT ITS ANALYSIS OF RECENT NORTH VIETNAMESE MEDIA STATEMENTS INDICATES INCREASED STRAINS IN THE NORTH BUT DOES NOT YET SHOW AN ESSENTIAL WEAKENING OF THE STATE. HANOI'S DIFFICULTIES-- LAW ENFORCEMENT BREAKDOWNS, FOOD AND LABOR SHORTAGES, QUESTIONING OF PARTY LINE, INTERNAL SECURITY CONCERNS AND MISGIVINGS OVER CHINESE AND SOVIET INTENTIONS--SO FAR ONLY PARALLEL SIMILAR PROBLEMS DURING THE 1965-68 BOMBING CAMPAIGN. HOWEVER, NEW ELEMENTS SUCH AS THE SUMMITS IN PEKING AND MOSCOW, MINING OF PORTS AND MORE EFFECTIVE BOMBING ARE EXPECTED TO CAUSE EVEN MORE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES.

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~~ANTI-AMERICAN ATTACKS ON U.S. INSTALLATIONS:~~ EMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

REPORTS THAT COMMUNIST-LED STUDENT MOBS, VOICING ANTI-VIETNAM SENTIMENTS, ATTACKED AND DAMAGED SEVERAL U.S. INSTALLATIONS IN CAMAYAGUELA AND TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. DAMAGE TO THE USMILGP HEADQUARTERS IN DOWNTOWN TEGUCIGALPA WAS REPORTED AS EXTENSIVE. LESSER DEGREES OF DAMAGE WERE INFLICTED UPON THE USIS OFFICE, THE BINATIONAL CENTER AND THE BANK OF AMERICA. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. THE MOB ALSO ATTACKED THE PRESIDENT'S PALACE BUT DID LITTLE DAMAGE, OTHER THAN BREAKING WINDOWS AND PAINTING SIGNS.

THE EMBASSY HAD ASKED FOR INCREASED POLICE PROTECTION PRIOR TO THE INCIDENTS. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THE REQUEST WAS HONORED. THE EMBASSY IN COMMENTING ON THE SITUATION NOTED THAT THE COMPLETE LACK OF POLICE PROTECTION IS A LONG STANDING AND TYPICAL GOH REACTION TO STUDENT RIOTS. AN APPROPRIATE PROTEST WILL BE PROMPTLY SUBMITTED.

N.Y. TIMES ARTICLE ON GEN LAVELLE: ACCORDING TO A REUTER RELEASE, THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED TODAY THAT GENERAL JOHN D. LAVELLE WAS RELIEVED OF HIS POST AND DEMOTED AFTER ORDERING REPEATED AND UNAUTHORIZED BOMBING ATTACKS ON MILITARY TARGETS IN NORTH VIETNAM. THE TIMES, QUOTING MILITARY AND CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAID THE FORMER COMMANDER OF U.S. AIR FORCE UNITS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA REPORTED THE RAIDS TO HIGHER HEADQUARTERS AS OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED, SMALL SCALE "PROTECTIVE REACTION" STRIKES. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, LAVELLE SAID THE RATIONAL FOR HIS REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF ORDERS WAS THE HEAVY BUILD-UP OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL IN NORTH VIETNAM REPORTED BY HIS PILOTS. HE WAS SAID TO HAVE ORDERED THE RAIDS OVER A THREE-MONTH PERIOD THAT BEGAN IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. LAVELLE REPORTEDLY BELIEVED THAT HIS SUPERIORS IN SAIGON WERE AWARE OF HIS BOMBING ATTACKS BUT NONETHELESS ACCEPTED HIS REPORTS OF "PROTECTIVE REACTION" STRIKES AT FACE VALUE."

FLOOD VICTIMS: THE DEATH TOLL IN THE BLACK HILLS, SOUTH DAKOTA FLOOD NOW STANDS AT 155. IN ADDITION, 500 PERSONS ARE MISSING IN THE RAPID CITY AREA.

--A DETAILED REPORT ON THE SITUATION IN VIETNAM WILL FOLLOW LATER TODAY.