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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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SUBJECT: Extracts from Briefing of Dr. Kissinger
by the Joint Staff

DATE: July 22, 1972

PARTICIPANTS: Colonel Carlson
Lt. Colonel Everhart
Dr. Kissinger
General Haig
Commander Howe

Dr. Kissinger: Are we watching the possibility that the North
Vietnamese will drive between the units around
Quang Tri and the first ARVN Division?

Colonel Carlson: We know that one enemy regiment has been given
that mission but they are watching that unit.

Dr. Kissinger: What do you mean by watching? Are there any
ARVN units there?

Colonel Carlson: Yes. The 3rd Airborne Brigade is there. There
was one contact in the vicinity of Fire Support
Base Nancy yesterday.

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Dr. Kissinger: What is the line on the map near Dong Ha?

Colonel Carlson: That is the final phase line for completion of
the operation.

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Dr. Kissinger:

With regard to the buildup of enemy forces southwest of Da Nang are we confident that they do not want to go to Da Nang?

Colonel Carlson:

The 711 enemy division is there but ARVN units have been in continual contact with them. It is worth watching the situation but right now the threat in that area is not as great as the threat farther to the North.

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Colonel Carlson:

On July 21st two SAM sites were struck by Ironhand aircraft. At one site two missiles were destroyed and two launchers damaged. White smoke rising to 3,000 feet was reported at the second site.

Dr. Kissinger:

Is that especially good? (humorously)

Colonel Carlson:

It is an indication they hit something.

Dr. Kissinger:

They didn't hit in Hanoi did they?

Colonel Carlson:

Yes they did today. They struck a warehouse area and a supply depot in Hanoi but smoke obscured observation of results.

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Dr. Kissinger:

Is Route 13 open?

Colonel Carlson:

It is still mined but they are getting some jeep traffic through.

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