

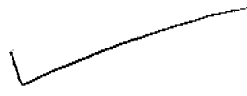
MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY KISSINGER  
FROM: RICHARD T. KENNEDY *[Signature]*  
SUBJECT: Air Resupply to Cambodia

The problem of air resupply to Cambodia from Thailand is about to be solved. DOD tells us that a contract between the USG and Air Cambodge (Wm. Bird and Son) will be signed in Bangkok on August 21. The contract is being handled between the Thai Ministry of Defense (Gen. Kriangsak) and MACTHAI with the approval of Prime Minister Sanya. Key elements of the contract include:

- Five USAF C-130's will be painted over and flown from U Tapao by crews belonging to Bird and Son.
- USAF personnel will be responsible for the aircraft while on the ground.
- In the event a C-130 goes down the search and rescue effort will be handled entirely by the Cambodians. USAF pilots will not participate.

Dick Smyser and I believe this represents an acceptable solution to a potentially very sticky situation. It is anticipated that this arrangement will continue until the Cambodian Air Force has developed a sufficient air resupply capability of its own. We will continue to watch this one closely.

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cc: W. R. Smyser, Bill Stearman

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