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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Briefing of Dr. Kissinger by Colonel Carlson
of the Joint Staff

DATE: November 29, 1972

PARTICIPANTS: Dr. Kissinger
Commander Howe

The following are excerpts from the November 29, 1972 briefing:

Colonel Carlson: 30 B 52s hit north of the DMZ.

Dr. Kissinger: But not north of 19°?

Colonel Carlson: No, since the fartherest strikes were 18°, 30 min.

Dr. Kissinger: Are there any restrictions on going up higher?

Colonel Carlson: No, since apparently the best targets were thought to be farther south. There were some B52 strikes up higher yesterday.

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Colonel Carlson: Some destructors were dropped, set up to destruct in two weeks.

Dr. Kissinger: Why are we setting them for 14 days sterilization. Do you guys think we are eager to get the mines out? Why should we care? We want them to stay there as long as possible. Right?

Colonel Carlson: Yes. The longer it takes us to clean them up the worse it is for them.

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Dr. Kissinger:

They have probably set up a mine clearing command with six Admirals.

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Dr. Kissinger:

(With reference to infiltration.) Why don't they just come down the panhandle?

Colonel Carlson:

There is some movement that way but they tend to follow the existing route complex.