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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

DATE: September 18, 1972

PARTICIPANTS: Henry A. Kissinger
Colonel Carlson
Commander Howe

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The following are extracts of Dr. Kissinger's comments during the JCS briefing by Colonel Carlson on September 18, 1972:

Kissinger: (With reference to the term OV-10) What kind is that?

Carlson: It is propeller driven, used for forward observation. They use it for artillery adjustment or forward air controlling.

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Kissinger: Are we giving tac air support to the Cambodian forces fighting along Route 1?

Carlson: Yes, it is being provided.

Kissinger: Has General Minh started his mobile operation?

Carlson: I have seen no report yet.

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Kissinger: How many attack sorties were north of 20 degrees north latitude?

Carlson: On September 16th there were 136 to the south and 202 to the north. On September 17th there were 164 in the south and 189 to the north of that latitude.

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Kissinger: If the weather is good, why are we not putting more sorties up north?

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