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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: Secretary of Treasury Shultz
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger
General Alexander M. Haig
Colonel Carlson
Commander Howe

DATE AND TIME Thursday, September 21, 1972
8:35 - 8:48 a.m.

SUBJECT: JCS Briefing

The following are excerpts from the JCS Briefing for September 21, 1972.

Kissinger: Over sixty percent of the pre-planned strikes have
(To Shultz) been cancelled in the last three months.
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Who is proceeding to Tien Phuoc?

Carlson: Two ARVN battalions.
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Kissinger: (Looking at weather satellite picture) But the weather
appears to be OK.

Carlson: But this is an afternoon picture.
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Kissinger: (Referring to MR-3 situation) I take it they are not
looking for them. They are just sitting until the enemy
gets there.

Carlson: I don't know sir.
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Kissinger: How many sorties were north of 20 degrees?

Carlson: For the period ending on September 20th, there were
176 sorties north of 20 degrees, and 160 south. So it
was just about half and half.

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