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

DATE: October 4, 1972

PARTICIPANTS: Colonel Carlson
Dr. Kissinger
Mr. Kennedy
Commander Howe

Colonel Carlson: We have a report that Binh Tram 18 is
having some success in moving supplies.

Dr. Kissinger: I wish there were a way to do something about
it, what are we doing about it? Waiting for
the dry season? Precisely what are we doing
about the logistics buildup? What are we doing
with gunships? Are they hitting along the trail?

Colonel Carlson: We have been hitting supplies in Route Package 1.

Kissinger: But you just give me gross figures. I can't
make any sense out of that. For all I know
you may be hitting water buffalo in a rice field.
I would like to know what somebody thinks we
are doing. We are taking the heat. Where do
we think we are going? How are we going to get
more airplanes for another year? I want to know
what the interdiction package is. Are we hitting
in the Mugia pass area?

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Colonel Carlson: Yes we are hitting over in the pass areas where some of the roads have gone out.

Dr. Kissinger: What are the F-4s doing?

Colonel Carlson: They are working on the roads and logistics buildups. They hit the roads in the day time and continue to hit them at night.

Dr. Kissinger: Anyone must know that they are not going to move their supplies during the day time so we have to develop better procedures. Are we hitting supply dumps?

Colonel Carlson: Yes we have hit supply dumps.

Dr. Kissinger: Well I would like a plan for what we plan to do to counteract the enemy logistics buildup, and I would like to know what we are doing with the gunships.

Colonel Carlson: I will report this sir.

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