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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: JCS Briefing of Dr. Kissinger by the Joint Staff

DATE: November 2, 1972

PARTICIPANTS: Colonel Carlson
Colonel West
Dr. Kissinger
Commander Howe

The following are Dr. Kissinger's remarks during the November 2, 1972 JCS Briefing on the situation in Vietnam:

Kissinger: What does this mean?

Carlson: (Referring to situation in MR-1): One of the units has infiltrated down in there. You did see the report that three anti-aircraft units had withdrawn from the Quang Tri area.

Kissinger: Yes, I know about that.

Carlson: Also one of the SAM regiments has moved north to the Thanh Hoa area.

Kissinger: How many of the other side have been killed in all in South Vietnam during the past 24 hours?

Carlson: I don't know but I can add them up.

Kissinger: That would be of interest to me more than the individual KIAs in a particular area. Could you have that for me each day?

Carlson: Yes.

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Carlson: There was one sortie in Route Package 4 in North Vietnam but it was below the 20 degree line.

Kissinger: Where is Route Package 4?

Carlson: (Shows area on map)

Kissinger: Someone has got to explain to me who designed this Route Package system and command organization.

Carlson: I will find out.

Kissinger: That is OK. I really don't want to know.

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