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April 28, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JOHN HOLDRIDGE

FROM:

BOB HOUDEK / *g*

SUBJECT:

[Redacted subject line]

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Would you please have an information memorandum to the President prepared answering the question the President has penned on the second page of the attached memorandum.

Attachment

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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April 22, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK*

SUBJECT:

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Attached is the [Redacted] for the week ending April 17, 1971. Items of particular interest include: 25X1

Casualties

	<u>Week Ending</u> <u>April 17, 1971</u>	<u>Corresponding</u> <u>Week 1970</u>	<u>Total 1971</u>
U.S.	56	101	766
ARVN	239	290	4,084
VC/NVA	2,791	2,962	45,129

Infiltration

During the past week several groups totalling 672 personnel were detected in southern Laos. This increases the estimate of personnel moving southward toward Cambodia/South Vietnam since October 1, 1970 to a total of 58,200 to 60,200.

Additional Highlights

President Thieu told a visitor last week that he thinks there will be seven or eight candidates, but he will be re-elected with 35 to 40 percent of the vote. Thieu told Prime Minister Khiem that in a two-man race he thinks he would win 55 percent of the vote to Big Minh's 45 percent, but that if Vice President Ky runs, Minh would win the election.

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The Canadian ICC Vietnam Commissioner visited Hanoi in early April and found the surface mood there to be one of confidence, heightened morale and conviction in the ultimate victory. The ~~Commissioner ascribed this feeling to the visit of Chou En-lai, the ARVN withdrawal from Laos and the accompanying claims of Communist victories.~~

*N- is this the general  
mood about reports  
from Hanoi since Laos*