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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

DECEMBER 6, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

INFORMATION ITEMS

OSD Review Completed.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

SITUATION IN VIETNAM: NINETY-FOUR U. S. ATTACK SORTIES WERE FLOWN IN NORTH VIETNAM AND 277 IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THERE WERE 108 VNAF SORTIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THIRTY B-52 MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN NORTH VIETNAM AND THREE EACH IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA. ENEMY TROOPS KILLED IN SOUTH VIETNAM YESTERDAY TOTALED 336.

DESPITE GENERALLY IMPROVED WEATHER CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT MILITARY REGION I, ENEMY ATTACKS-BY-FIRE AGAINST MARINE AND AIRBORNE FORWARD UNITS ALONG THE NORTHERN FRONT WERE REDUCED.

FLOODING HAMPERED GROUND MOVEMENTS IN THE MARINE AREA OF OPERATIONS. SOUTHWEST OF QUANG TRI CITY, ACTIVITY INCREASED IN THE AIRBORNE SECTOR, PRODUCING GOOD RESULTS; TWO ENEMY T-54 TANKS WERE REPORTED DESTROYED. ARVN GROUND OPERATIONS NEAR FIRE SUPPORT BASE ANNE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF CACHES OF MUNITIONS AND EQUIPMENT. AN UPDATED REPORT ON THE VEHICLES FOUND YESTERDAY NORTH OF ANNE INDICATES THAT THERE WERE FIVE T-54 TANKS, ONE PERSONNEL CARRIER, AND SIX MOLOTOVA TRUCKS.

ACTIVITY CONTINUED AT A LOW LEVEL IN THE TWO SOUTHERN PROVINCES.

IN CONTACT. No Objection to Declassification in Part 2011/09/29 : LOC-HAK-546-20-25-6

CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED ON BOTH SIDES. FOLLOWING COMBAT ASSAULTS BY FRIENDLY FORCES INTO THE AREA AROUND DUC CO RANGER CAMP TO THE WEST, LIGHT CONTACTS RESULTED IN MINOR CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES. ARVN ELEMENTS NORTH EAST OF HOAI AN IN BINH DINH

PROVINCE REPULSED AN ENEMY GROUND ATTACK EARLY YESTERDAY. TERRITORIAL FORCES HELD OFF AN ENEMY ATTACK ON A HAMLET SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF BAN ME THUOT IN DARLAC PROVINCE.

IN MILITARY REGION 3, TAN SAN NHUT AIRBASE WAS HIT BY 37 122-MM ROCKETS, KILLING EIGHT (ONE U.S.) AND WOUNDING 38 (ONE U.S.), ACCORDING TO A CIA REPORT. TWO HELICOPTERS, ONE TRUCK, AN AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA, AND FOUR BUILDINGS WERE DAMAGED.

INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY IN MILITARY REGION 4 WAS CENTRATED

ALONG THE COMMO-LIAISON ROUTE IN KIEN GIANG, CHUONG THIEN, AND PHONG DINH PROVINCES. THE ENEMY CONDUCTED GROUND ATTACKS ON FIVE OUTPOSTS WITH LIMITED SUCCESS, IN ADDITION TO SCATTERED ATTACKS-BY-FIRE ON INSTALLATIONS AND OUTPOSTS. FRIENDLY ACTIVITY WAS AT A LOW LEVEL.

A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST

ASIA IS AT TAB A.

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