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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

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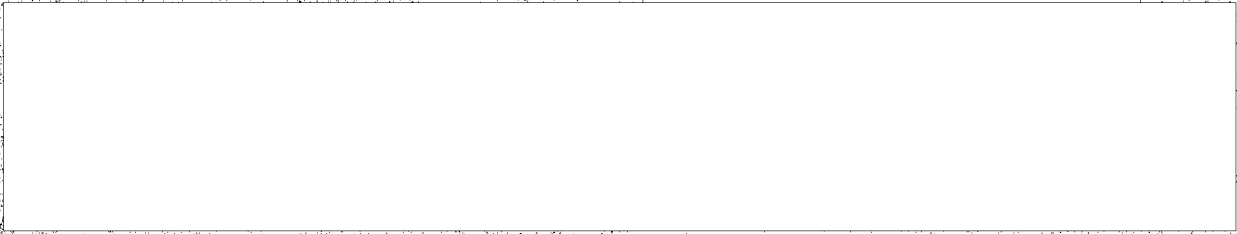
SUBJECT: EVENING NOTES

VIETNAM MILITARY SITUATION: SCATTERED AND SPORADIC FIREFIGHTS HAVE CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN MILITARY REGION 1.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTION TOOK PLACE EARLY THIS MORNING WHEN ARVN RANGER ELEMENTS RETOOK QUE SON DISTRICT FROM ENTRENCHED ENEMY TROOPS. THE ENEMY STILL CONTROLS ONE ENCLAVE IN THE NORTHWEST SECTOR, BUT ARVN TROOPS ARE REPORTEDLY IN CONTROL OF THE ACTION.

ELSEWHERE COUNTRYWIDE THE LEVEL OF COMBAT REMAINED LOW. ARVN ENGINEERS HAVE REOPENED ONE LANE OF TRAFFIC ON THE BRIDGE AT CAU LAU, WHICH WAS HIT BY SAPPERS LAST NIGHT.

COMMUNIST CADRE IN THE COSVN ARE CONTINUE TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR A CEASEFIRE SHOULD ONE OCCUR IN THE NEAR FUTURE. COSVN CADRE ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN PLACED IN DISTRICT AND PROVINCE COMMAND POSITIONS IN THE SAIGON/GIA DINH PROVINCE AREA IN ANTICIPATION OF A POSSIBLE CEASEFIRE.



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STANCE: THE OFFICIAL PEKING PEOPLE'S DAILY SAID TODAY THAT THE U.S. MUST WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM AND CONDUCT SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE VIETNAMESE  
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COMMUNISTS IF IT REALLY WANTS TO END THE VIETNAM WAR. THE DAILY DECLARED: "THERE IS NO OTHER WAY OUT," AND SAID IT WOULD BE A MISCALCULATION ON THE PART OF THE U.S. "TO ATTEMPT TO COERCE THE HEROIC VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WITH WAR ESCALATION OR ANY OTHER METHODS OF INTIMIDATION." THE EDITORIAL, MARKING THE 27TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF NORTH VIETNAM, ASSURED HANOI THAT CHINA'S VAST TERRITORY IS THE "RELIABLE REAR AREA" OF THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLE AND THAT TOGETHER THE CHINESE AND VIETNAMESE "CAN SUSTAIN THE TEST OF ANY STORM."

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TROUBLE IN BANGLADESH: RISING PRICES OF RICE ARE CONTRIBUTING TO GROWING UNREST AMONG THE POPULACE, AND DEMONSTRATIONS ARE OCCURRING DAILY IN DACCA. THE RICE SUPPLY IS UNUSUALLY LOW BECAUSE OF CROP FAILURES ASSOCIATED WITH LAST YEAR'S MILITARY ACTIVITIES. CIA NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT THE OVER-ALL FOODGRAIN SUPPLY SHOULD BE ADEQUATE AT LEAST THROUGH NOVEMBER. IMPORTS FROM AID DONORS ARE ARRIVING IN LARGE QUANTITIES, AND THE BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT, WITH UN ASSISTANCE, IS MOVING THE FOODGRAINS RAPIDLY TO NEEDY UPCOUNTRY AREAS.

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