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MEMORANDUM FOR:
FROM:
SUBJECT:

THE PRESIDENT
HENRY A. KISSINGER
INFORMATION ITEMS

INDOCHINA SITUATION: IN CAMBODIA, COMMUNIST ROCKETS HIT PHNOM PENH AIRPORT OVER THE WEEKEND, BUT THERE WERE FEW CASUALTIES AND LITTLE DAMAGE. SKIRMISHING CONTINUES NORTHWEST OF THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF SVEY RIENG; THE GOVERNMENT LOST THREE SMALL OUTPOSTS IN THE AREA BUT CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN LIGHT. COMMUNICATIONS INTERCEPTS, AND THE DOWNING OF A CAMBODIAN AIR FORCE TRANSPORT BY AN SA-7 SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE, SUGGEST THAT THE KHMER COMMUNISTS ARE RECEIVING SOME HELP FROM VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST UNITS NEAR SVEY RIENG. ELSEWHERE, GOVERNMENT FORCES REOPENED ROUTE 5 BETWEEN BATTAMBANG AND KOMPONG CHHNANG WHICH HAD BEEN CLOSED SINCE OCTOBER 8. INSURGENT FORCES ARE STILL IN THE AREA AND PERIODIC SKIRMISHES ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE. MOST MILITARY ACTION IN SOUTH VIETNAM REMAINS CONCENTRATED IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCES, BUT SOME ACTIVITY HAS BEEN REPORTED NORTHEAST OF SAIGON. COMMUNIST ROCKETS AND MORTARS HIT GOVERNMENT POSITIONS AROUND HUE, BUT NONE WERE REPORTED LOST. FIGHTING ALSO WAS BRISK WEST OF DA NANG AND IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, BUT GOVERNMENT CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED LIGHT. GOVERNMENT TROOPS LOST AN OUTPOST NEAR THE DISTRICT TOWN OF TAN UYEN IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE, ACCORDING TO A PRESS SPOKESMAN. THE POSITION, ONE OF THREE IN THE AREA, REPORTEDLY CAME UNDER HEAVY SHELLING ATTACK AND WAS ABANDONED BY LOCAL SECURITY FORCE DEFENDERS SHORTLY AFTERWARD. ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY, FIGHTING CONSISTS MOSTLY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS AND HARASSMENT OF MAJOR HIGHWAYS.

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