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June 10, 1971

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT:

Cambodian Military Situation

Ambassador Swank reported on the military situation east of Phnom Penh. Following are the highlights of his report:

- The situation is not considered to be unmanageable at this point.
- This engagement is viewed as approaching the magnitude of enemy efforts along Route 7 during last November and December.
- The report that FANK has no plans to assist isolated units is incorrect. Yesterday FANK sent two additional battalions into the area as reinforcements.
- Today FANK hopes to launch an operation in the area that will permit relief forces to reach the isolated garrison.
- Friendly casualties are reported as high, but Swank does not consider them excessive considering the level of combat.
- FANK reports that tactical air support has been most effective.
- Because of the enemy threat in other areas of Cambodia, FANK is understandably reluctant to divert those limited supporting resources to the area east of Phnom Penh.
- Sirik Matak has made two requests to Saigon in connection with the operations:

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- (1) Arrangements be made to utilize C-119, C-123 or C-130 aircraft for resupply drops to isolated FANK units.
- (2) ARVN troops make a diversionary attack toward the combat area.



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-- There does not appear to be a significant threat to Phnom Penh at this time.

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