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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: Vietnam Indicators Report

Attached is the Vietnam Indicators Report for the week ending July 8. Items of particular interest include:

Casualties

U.S. battle deaths last week decreased to four, compared with the previous week's total of fourteen.

	<u>Week Ending</u> <u>July 8, 1972</u>	<u>Corresponding Week</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>
U.S.	4	29	72	183	1,132
SVN	517	96	219	9,624	6,662
VC/NVA	3,320	1,103	1,831	72,095	65,866

Enemy Activity

During the week in South Vietnam, the Communists continued to resist GVN efforts to move deeper into Quang Tri Province and are preparing for counterattacks. The enemy continues to harass friendly forces west of Hue, but no large-scale Communist assault against Hue appears imminent. In Military Regions 2 and 3 and in the northern Delta, most of the enemy-initiated activity has been fairly small in scale.

In Cambodia and northern Laos, the overall military situation during the week remained generally light. In the Lao Panhandle, government irregulars continued to encounter stiff resistance to their attempts to clear the Khong Sedone area. The enemy appears to be consolidating his forces north of the city for renewed counterattacks against government defensive positions.

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Enemy Infiltration and Logistics

During the week, personnel infiltration remained at a very low level with only one regular group detected. The estimate of NVA infiltrators destined for Cambodia and South Vietnam now stands at 121,800-123,800.

The new pipeline being constructed in North Vietnam to the Chinese border may be a dual one. Simultaneous movement of two petroleum products vitally needed by Hanoi -- motor gasoline and diesel fuel -- would be possible if a second pipeline is installed along the entire length. The North Vietnamese continue to make major efforts to switch from rail to road transport for priority cargo moving from China to southern North Vietnam. Thirteen newly-identified transportation battalions could theoretically move some 200 to 300 tons per day.

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