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SUBJECT OBSERVATIONS ON CONDITIONS IN HANOI AS OF  
7 JULY.

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1. ON THE EVENING OF 7 JULY, MOST OF THE CITY OF HANOI WAS ILLUMINATED. SMALL SECTIONS OF THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PART OF THE CITY WERE BLACKED OUT. AT GIA LAM AIRPORT, THE USUAL TWO FLOODLIGHTS WERE BEING EMPLOYED IN THE PARKING AREA. GIA LAM DISTRICT ITSELF WAS FULLY LIGHTED. THE PONT DES RAPIDES WAS NORMALLY LIGHTED.

2. ~~IT WAS RELIABLY REPORTED IN HANOI THAT THE CENTRAL THERMAL ELECTRIC PLANT APPEARED TO BE 90 PERCENT REPAIRED.~~ THE AREAS

UNDERGOING REPAIR WERE WELL CAMOUFLAGED. WATER CONSUMPTION APPEARED NORMAL. HANOI OFFICIALS HAVE, HOWEVER, BECOME CONCERNED WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ABNORMAL PERIOD OF DROUGHT. THE LEVEL OF THE RED RIVER IS FROM TWO TO THREE METERS BELOW ITS USUAL LEVEL AND THERE IS CONCERN ABOUT HAVING SUFFICIENT WATER FOR THE FORTHCOMING RICE SEASON. HANOI OFFICIALS HAVE, IN FACT, ALREADY SERVED NOTICE THAT EMERGENCY MEASURES MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO TRANSFER WATER FROM ONE RICE AREA TO ANOTHER BY A DIKE SYSTEM. SIGNS WERE OBSERVED IN HANOI CITY DIRECTING INHABITANTS TO HELP EACH OTHER. ~~THE CIVILIAN POPULATION WAS SHOWING LESS HOPE AND VITALITY, AND THIS WAS DEFINITELY RELATED TO THE 9-10 JUNE RAIDS ON THE CENTER OF HANOI, WHICH WERE A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE FOR THE HANOI POPULACE~~

3. TRANSPORT IN HANOI WAS NORMAL. TRAMWAYS WERE FUNCTIONING AND TRAFFIC WAS MOVING AT ITS NORMAL PACE. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK.

4. ON 7 JULY A HEAVY CONVOY WAS SIGHTED AT 1940 HOURS HANOI TIME, WHICH COINCIDED WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE ICC PLANE. WHEN THE AIRCRAFT LEFT AT 2010 HOURS THE CONVOY HAD ALREADY MOVED INTO THE CITY OF HANOI.

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5. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE (AMBASSADOR BUNKER, DEPUTY  
AMBASSADOR LOCKE, MR. CALHOON) USMACV (GENERAL WESTMORELAND,  
GENERAL ABRAMS, AMBASSADOR KOMER, GENERAL KERWIN, GENERAL  
DAVIDSON) CINCPAC (ADMIRAL S ZRP AND POLAD) PACAF (GENERAL RYAN)  
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