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SUBJECT ELECTRIC POWER AND GASOLINE CONDITIONS IN HANOI

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1. THERE IS RATIONING OF ELECTRICITY IN HANOI AT THE PRESENT TIME AND CERTAIN SECTORS OF THE CITY ARE WITHOUT ELECTRICITY AT SPECIFIED TIMES. THE EMBASSIES HAVE ELECTRICITY DAILY ONLY BETWEEN 1700 HOURS AND 0100 HOURS. IT IS QUITE NOTICEABLE THAT THE LIGHTS IN THE EMBASSY AND THE STREET LIGHTS ARE MUCH WEAKER THAN THEY WERE A FEW MONTHS AGO. WHEN THE AIR RAID ALARMS SOUND ALL ELECTRICITY IS CUT OFF. THERE HAVE BEEN PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT THE SHORTAGE OF ELECTRICITY IS DUE TO DAMAGE TO POWER PLANTS AS A RESULT OF THE UNITED STATES AIR RAIDS.

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2. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT USUALLY CALLS A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB AFTER UNITED STATES AIR RAIDS AND THEY HAVE ALWAYS ANNOUNCED THAT CIVILIAN CASUALTIES WERE A RESULT OF THE BOMBINGS. THEY HAVE NEVER GIVEN ANY INDICATION

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THAT THE DAMAGE HAS BEEN CAUSED BY FLAK FROM THEIR OWN ANTI AIRCRAFT GUNS.



3. THE VARIOUS EMBASSIES CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ALL THE GAS THEY REQUIRE TO OPERATE THEIR VEHICLES AND THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ANY INDICATION OF A SHORTAGE OF GASOLINE AMONG OFFICIAL AND MILITARY CARS AND TRUCKS IN HANOI.

4. THE CHINESE CIVIL PLANE FROM NANNING ARRIVES AT 2100 HOURS ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHTS AND DEPARTS FOR NANNING ONE HOUR LATER.

5. [REDACTED] DISSEM. STATE ARMY NAVY AIR CINCPAC ARPAC PACAF PACFLT [REDACTED]



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