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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Bromley Smith S
White House Staff
The White House

SUBJECT: Foreign Shipping to North Vietnam
in July 1967

1. The most recent intelligence memorandum on foreign shipping to North Vietnam is attached.

2. Arrivals of foreign ships at North Vietnam fell sharply in July to the lowest level for 1967, apparently as the result of an effort to reduce the heavy congestion at Haiphong. This congestion developed from the record high volume of seaborne imports during the second quarter of the year, which heavily taxed port handling facilities. To ease the bottleneck North Vietnam has not only deferred incoming shipments, but is importing from the Communist countries a considerable number of barges for use as lighters in handling sea cargo.

3. Identified seaborne deliveries from Communist China were unusually heavy for the second consecutive month, but Soviet shipments, which had declined in June, continued very light. Total identified seaborne imports in July amounted to little more than half the average monthly volume of the first half of 1967. Identified exports fell to the lowest level in at least 31 months, chiefly as the result of air-strike damage to North Vietnam's raw materials industries and power supplies.

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