

18 September 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Paranoid Musings/Indochina Division

1. Though amused and operationally pleased by Hanoi's public posture on Munich and its concomitant ringing endorsement of the Palestinian cause (e.g., the 12 September Nhan Dan article and the 13 September article in the Army paper Quan Doi Nhan Dan), I have also been naggingly troubled by an inability to explain to my own satisfaction just why the DRV should have dropped this large a brick. There was no real reason why the North Vietnamese had to say much of anything on this loaded question. If they felt they had to make some public comment, surely a rather pro forma statement going no further than the Chinese -- or, for that matter, the Egyptians -- would have sufficed.

2. In any event, there was no call at all on Hanoi to describe Munich and its aftermath as a "US-Israeli plot" abetted by the West Germans.\* There was also no obvious need for Hanoi to express an unqualified, ringing resolve "to support the Palestinian people's fight for their sacred fundamental rights until its final victory.\*\* Surely this goes well beyond all

\*E.g., Nhan Dan: "At the airbase Munich police sharpshooters opened fire and all of the Israeli Olympic competitors and a number of Palestinian guerrillas were killed. This bloodshed, which could have been avoided, occurred because, as the Algerian broadcasting service analyzed it, 'the Israeli and West German authorities chose the path of hatred and betrayal.'"

\*\*"The aggressors' perfidious maneuvers and acts cannot drown the just voice of the Palestinian people, who continue to be heard in the din of bomb explosions and chauvinistic outcries. The Palestinian people have expressed, through their leaders, the determination to seek every means to struggle for the right to live. This just voice has enjoyed ever greater sympathy and support from all progressive mankind. The U.S. and Israeli scheme to make the most of the bloody Munich incident is very perfidious, but it will not work, since ours is an era when the oppressed peoples have arisen to take their destiny into their own hands."

ordinary requirements of expressing fraternal solidarity with fellow socialists. More to the point, if Hanoi's leaders know anything at all about the United States, they must have known that such a public position, expressed in such language, would constitute a propaganda windfall for President Nixon and be acutely embarrassing (to put it mildly) to many of the most articulate and active American opponents of the President and the war, i. e., the segments of the American political spectrum whose activities Hanoi most wants to encourage and foster.

3. I well recognize and have long argued that the Lao Dong Politburo is not composed of visionary, broad-gauged world statesmen, that its present members, instead, often show themselves to be parochial, doctrinaire fanatics -- tough, tenacious and resilient, but lacking in breadth and sophistication. Nonetheless, I still find it hard to believe that the Politburo is quite this stupid. Maybe I have become corrupted to the point of thinking like a Vietnamese, but to my mind a gaffe of this dimension calls for an explanation more complex than any "simple blunder" hypothesis.

4. Developing this thought, I began to wonder whether the DRV might be trying to fry some fish with the Palestinians. or some ultra segment thereof such as the Black September group. Perhaps Hanoi was trying to encourage some Palestinian group to essay a spectacular act of terrorism in or against the U. S., e. g., an assassination attempt against Dr. Kissinger or President Nixon. The more I brooded, the more this line of reasoning struck me as providing an explanation -- not necessarily the explanation, but at least an hypothesis that explained Hanoi's behavior more adequately than the one of "simple blunder."

5. I expressed these thoughts to General Walters around 1800 on Friday, 15 September. More to the point -- and the reason for this note -- I also expressed them in an 1815 phone call (on 15 September) to Colonel Kennedy. In that call I emphasized strongly that these were personal speculations -- not an Agency assessment -- and that they were unsupported by any evidence of which I was aware, other than the fact of what Hanoi had actually said on the radio and in public print. I did nonetheless suggest

\*\*Continued from page 1: "The Vietnamese people, who have seen the true colors of U. S. imperialism, especially through the "Nixon Doctrine," are resolved to support the Palestinian people's fight for their sacred fundamental rights until its final victory. "

that extra vigilance might not be amiss and could certainly do no harm. Kennedy thanked me for my thoughts and said he would pass them along -- accurately described with proper caveats -- to Al Haig. I send this note so that if they somehow bounce back to you, you will know where they came from.

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NHAN DAN: MUNICH OLYMPIC DEATHS A U.S.-ISRAELI PLOT

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(ARTICLE BY DIEU BINH: "THE U.S.-ISRAELI PLOT BEHIND THE BLOODY EVENT IN MUNICH")

(TEXT) THE CAUSE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SERIOUS EVENT WHICH OCCURRED AT THE MUNICH OLYMPIC VILLAGE ON 5 SEPTEMBER ARE NOW OBVIOUS. THAT MORNING THE COMBATANTS OF A PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE ORGANIZATION ENTERED THE BILLETING QUARTERS OF THE ISRAELI OLYMPIAN COMPETITORS, ABDUCTED THEM, AND PUT FORTH THIS CONDITION: IN EXCHANGE FOR THE FREEDOM OF THESE CAPTIVES, THE ISRAELI ADMINISTRATION HAD TO FREE MORE THAN 200 PALESTINIAN PATRIOTS WHO WERE BEING DETAINED AND TORTURED IN ISRAELI PRISONS.

AS FOR THE WEST GERMAN ADMINISTRATION, THE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS DEMANDED THAT IT GUARANTEE THAT IT WOULD SAFELY TRANSPORT THEM AND THE ISRAELIS DETAINED BY THEM OUT OF WEST GERMAN TERRITORY. THE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS WARNED: IF ANY ATTEMPT IS MADE TO SABOTAGE THIS ACTION, THE ISRAELIS WILL BE KILLED AND THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE. AS ADMITTED LATER BY MUNICH MUNICIPAL POLICE CHIEF SCHREIBER, THE WILLY BRANDT ADMINISTRATION FROM THE OUTSET DEFINITELY SIDED WITH THE ISRAELI FACTION IN OPPOSING THE PALESTINIAN PATRIOTS. ON ORDERS OF THE WEST GERMAN INTERIOR MINISTER, THE MUNICH POLICE IMPLEMENTED "TO THE LETTER" THE GUIDANCE OF A SPECIAL ADVISORY GROUP WHICH WAS RUSHED IN FROM ISRAEL. THE MUNICH POLICE RESORTED TO AN EXPEDIENT TO "LURE A TIGER OUT OF A MOUNTAIN" AND PRETENDED TO AGREE TO THE GUERRILLAS' DEMANDS BUT LAID FOUR AMBUSH NESTS ON THE ROAD LEADING TO THE AIRBASE. SCHREIBER HIMSELF IMMEDIATELY FELT THAT "ANY HOPE OF ESCAPING DEATH FOR THE ISRAELI OLYMPIC COMPETITORS WAS NULL," BUT HE SAID: THE WEST GERMAN POLICE ARE TIGHTLY BOUND BY POLITICAL DECISIONS, ESPECIALLY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT'S FIRM DECISION "NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE PALESTINIANS."

THE OUTCOME WAS IN LINE WITH SCHREIBER'S FEARS. AT THE AIRBASE MUNICH POLICE SHARPSHOOTERS OPENED FIRE, AND ALL THE ISRAELI OLYMPIC COMPETITORS AND A NUMBER OF PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED. THIS BLOODSHED, WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED, OCCURRED BECAUSE, AS THE ALGERIAN BROADCASTING SERVICE ANALYZED IT, "THE ISRAELI AND WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES CHOSE THE PATH OF HATRED AND BETRAYAL."

WHAT IS EVEN MORE SERIOUS IS THE EVENTS WHICH CONTINUE TO DEVELOP IN WEST GERMANY, THE MIDEAST AND THE UNITED STATES. IN WEST GERMANY THE AUTHORITIES HAVE TRIED TO SET UP A MOVEMENT TO OPPOSE THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND THREATENED TO TERRORIZE MORE THAN 50,000 ARABS NOW EARNING A LIVING IN WEST GERMANY.

CROCODILE TEARS HAVE BEEN SHED PROFOUSELY IN WASHINGTON AND TEL AVIV, ACCOMPANIED BY COUNTLESS THEORIES ABOUT HUMANITY AND PEACE, AS WELL AS SWARLING AND THREATS. PRESIDENT NIXON DID THIS FIRST. IN A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES TO THE ISRAELI PREMIER, PRESIDENT NIXON SAID THAT THIS IS "A TRAGIC AND MEANINGLESS ACTION, A SABOTAGE OF MANKIND'S DREAMS AND ASPIRATIONS," THAT THIS IS "A TRAGEDY FOR ALL THE PEOPLES AND NATIONS IN THE WORLD," AND SO FORTH. ON NIXON'S ORDERS, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS, AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR, ISSUED AN APPEAL FOR "DRASTIC MEASURES" TO MAKE "THE WHOLE WORLD REALIZE THAT CRIMINAL ACTS AGAINST INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE AN UNACCEPTABLE METHOD."

TO MAKE THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE MORE TENSE, U.S. FBI AND SECURITY AGENTS WERE ORDERED TO TAKE "SPECIAL MEASURES" TO PROTECT ISRAELI, WEST GERMAN AND ARAB DIPLOMATIC DELEGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED IMMEDIATELY THAT NIXON'S CROCODILE TEARS HAVE NOT BLINDED HIS EYES TO THE FACT OF THE PROSPECT OF VOTES FROM MILLIONS OF JEWISH-BORN VOTERS IN THE COMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. HE DIRECTED HIS SUBORDINATES TO STRENGTHEN PROTECTION EVEN FOR JEWISH-BORN AMERICANS, ALTHOUGH HE MAINTAINS THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE ATTACKED THAN ISRAELI CITIZENS, ACCORDING TO UPI ON 6 SEPTEMBER.

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ONLY ADD 14 (NHAN DAN ON MUNICH EVENTS)

XXX ON 6 SEPTEMBER.

(TEXT) WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF ALL THESE PSYWAR ACTIVITIES? IN TEL AVIV ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER EDAN, "WITH BLOODSHOT EYES," TOLD NEWSMEN: "I DO NOT THINK ABOUT PEACE ANYMORE. THE PROBLEM NOW IS HOW TO GET RID OF THIS CATASTROPHE."

ISRAELI TROOPS WERE SWIFTLY DEPLOYED "AT AN UNPRECEDENTED RATE" ALONG THE SYRIA-LEBANON BORDER AREA. ON 8 AND 9 SEPTEMBER, UNDER THE PRETEXT OF AVENGING THE DEATHS OF THE ISRAELI ATHLETES, MANY ISRAELI AIRCRAFT CARRIED OUT FIERCE ATTACKS ON THE TERRITORY OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES. THEY BOMBED, MACHINEGUNNED AND ROCKETED MANY PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CENTERS AND OTHER POPULATED AREAS, KILLING OR WOUNDING HUNDREDS OF WOMEN, OLD PEOPLE AND CHILDREN. AS ANOTHER PROOF OF THE NIXON CLIQUE'S CRUEL AND HYPOCRITICAL NATURE, THE U.S. DELEGATE TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL BRAZENLY VETOED A DRAFT RESOLUTION BY THE ARAB COUNTRIES CONDEMNING THE CRIMINAL ISRAELI RAIDS AND DEMANDING THAT THEY BE ENDED AT ONCE.

AT THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL JUNCTURE, THE RECENT BLOODY INCIDENT IN MUNICH IS ELOQUENT PROOF OF THE CRUEL AND PERFDY OF THE U.S. AND ISRAELI AGGRESSORS AND THE DARK DESIGN OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION AND COMPANY TO WRECK PEACE UNDER THE EXTREMELY HYPOCRITICAL LABEL OF HUMANITY AND PEACE. THE AGGRESSORS HAVE AVOIDED THEMSELVES OF THE DEATHS OF 11 ISRAELIS, WHICH THEY DELIBERATELY ALLOWED TO HAPPEN, TO MASSACRE HUNDREDS OF ARABS WHOSE FATHERLAND HAS BEEN ANNEXED BY THE ISRAELIS. THEY PLANNED TO WHIP UP A CHAUVINISTIC HYSTERIA IN ISRAEL AND CREATE A FALSE PROTEST MOVEMENT WITHIN THE SO-CALLED "CIVILIZED WORLD" TO VILIFY THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND TO THREATEN AND SPLIT THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

THEY PLOTTED TO ISOLATE THE PALESTINIAN PATRIOTIC MOVEMENT FROM THE OTHER ARAB PEOPLES AND THE WORLD'S PEOPLES. THIS U.S.-ISRAELI SCHEME, IS AIMED AT PUTTING A CLOAK OF JUSTICE ON THE AGGRESSORS AND THE STIGMA OF "INJUSTICE AND BARBARITY" ON A SMALL NATION WHOSE ONLY CRIME IS TO FIGHT AND MAKE SACRIFICES FOR ITS OWN SURVIVAL.

HOWEVER, THE PHARISES OF THE 20TH CENTURY HAVE BEEN UNMASKED. THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES OF SYRIA AND LEBANON ARE DETERMINED TO DEAL THE ISRAELI AGGRESSORS APPROPRIATE BLOWS. THE ARAB PEOPLES ARE NOT DUPED BY THIS DIVISIVE PLOT. NEITHER HAVE THEY SHRUNK BEFORE THREATS. THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION OF ARAB REPUBLICS CONSISTING OF EGYPT, LIBYA AND SYRIA, THE ARAB LEAGUE, AND OTHERS HAVE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, DENOUNCED THE ISRAELIS AND THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS, AND CALLED ON THE ARAB COUNTRIES TO TAKE COMMON ACTION TO OPPOSE THE AGGRESSORS.

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2 THE AGGRESSORS' PERFDIOUS MANEUVERS AND ACTS CANNOT DROWN THE JUST VOICE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, WHO CONTINUE TO BE HEARD IN THE DIN OF BOMB EXPLOSIONS AND CHAUVINISTIC OUTCRIES. THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED, THROUGH THEIR LEADERS, THE DETERMINATION TO SEEK EVERY MEANS TO STRUGGLE FOR THE RIGHT TO LIVE. THIS JUST VOICE HAS ENJOYED EVER GREATER SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT FROM ALL PROGRESSIVE MANKIND. THE U.S. AND ISRAELI SCHEME TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE BLOODY MUNICH INCIDENT IS VERY PERFDIOUS, BUT IT WILL NOT WORK, SINCE OURS IS AN ERA WHEN THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES HAVE ARISEN TO TAKE THEIR DESTINY INTO THEIR HANDS.

THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, WHO HAVE SEEN THE TRUE COLORS OF U.S. IMPERIALISM, ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE "NIXON DOCTRINE," ARE RESOLVED TO SUPPORT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S FIGHT FOR THEIR SACRED FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS UNTIL ITS FINAL VICTORY.

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C O R R E C T I O N 15 (NHAN DAN ON MUNICH)

PARAGRAPH FOUR LINE THREE SHOULD READ XXX U.S.-ISRAELI SCHEME,  
WHICH HAS THE COLLUSION OF THE WEST GERMAN ADMINISTRATION, IS  
AIMED AT PUTTING XXX (SUPPLYING DROPPED WORDS)

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**C O R R E C T I O N 14 (NHAN DAN ON MUNICH)**

**LAST PARAGRAPH, FIRST LINE SHOULD READ XXX ATMOSPHERE MORE  
TENSE, NIXON ORDERED THE U. S. FBI AND SECURITY AGENTS TO TAKE XXX  
(SUPPLYING DROPPED WORD AND CHANGING WORD ORDER)**

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