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10 August 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: Interdiction Program Analysis

1. Per our 9 August conversation, at Secretary Laird's urgent personal request, we have taken a quiet look at the current U. S. interdiction effort. Our findings and conclusions were set forth in an 18 July memorandum, the original of which was given directly to him and one copy given directly to Deputy Secretary Rush. In light of your request, I am appending hereto a second copy for your personal reading. You will well understand, of course, the delicacy of our doing such a study, which we would not have undertaken in the first place had not Secretary Laird insistently requested that we do so. There are now only three copies of this study outside the Agency: yours, Secretary Laird's, and Deputy Secretary Rush's.

2. Also attached, again per your request, is a second memorandum, summarizing our thoughts on possible modification in the interdiction program that might enhance its impact. This has been done for your eyes alone and yours is the only copy outside of my office.

(SIGNED) Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Director

Attachments

- 1) Memo - Modifications which might Enhance the impact of the US Interdiction Program Against North Vietnam - TS-203097/72/a
- 2) Memo - The US Interdiction Campaign in North Vietnam - TS-203097/72/b

