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NEWS SUMMARY

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(THURSDAY NETS, WIRES, COLUMNS)

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

THE MAJOR STORIES OF THE DAY:

- ALL NETS LED W/FILM REPORTS ON SHULTZ ANNOUNCEMENT OF PHASE 3 DROPPING OF MOST CONTROLS ("WIPE OUT," SAID CBS) IN FAVOR OF INCREASED VOLUNTARISM. "JAWBONING" WAS WHAT NBC'S LEVINE CRITICALLY CALLED IT. ALL NETS EMPHASIZED QUICK, POSITIVE REACTION ON WALL ST. BUT EMPHASIZED DECLINE BY CLOSE W/DJ STAYING UP 5.64 TO 1052. QUICK CRITICISM BY PROXMIRE SPOTLIGHTED ON ABC FILM. BUSINESS, LABOR GENERALLY PLEASED; HILL MIXED TO POSITIVE REACTION.
- ALL NETS COVERED 4TH DAY OF PARIS TALKS WITH ALL NOTING THE JOINING OF TECHNICAL REPS IN THE HAK-THO TALKS WHILE REGULAR THURSDAY TALKS ALSO MET W/NVN-SVN CLASH OVER ISSUE OF 1 OR 2 VNS. NBC SAID THIS IS SEEN AS MAJOR SOURCE OF DISAGREEMENT. ON THE PRIVATE TALKS NO ONE WAS TALKING BUT CBS SAID INDICATIONS ARE OF "HEADWAY."
- ALL NETS W/WATERGATE TRIAL AS 2ND MOST PROMINENT REPORT W/FOCUS ON SIRICA'S ACCEPTANCE OF HUNT'S PLEA OF GUILTY ON ALL COUNTS AND BAIL OF \$100,000. HUNT ON FILM ON ALL SAYING WHATEVER HE DID WAS DONE FOR HIS COUNTRY AND HE REALIZES CONSEQUENCES OF BREAKING LAW. HE ALSO EXPLAINED HE COULDN'T HANDLE THE RIGORS OF LONG TRIAL CONSIDERING WIFE'S DEATH IN PLANE CRASH AND NEED TO BE W/HIS KIDS.

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PLANNED CAMPAIGN  
LAWS IN TURNING OVER TO LIDDY \$30,000 W/O RECEIPT. ABC/NBC NOTED  
CRP SAID ALLEGED VIOLATIONS WERE "TECHNICAL AND UNINTENTIONAL" W/ABC  
NOTING JUSTICE'S NOT NAMING NAMES MEANS NO ONE CAN BE TRIED.

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- ABC/NBC W/MAJOR FILM REPORTS ON WH-HILL "CONFRONTATION." NBC  
W/FILM OF JDE, WEINBERGER, AND JACKSON ON ROLE OF SUPERCABINET;  
ABC W/FILM OF MANSFIELD AND HHH AFTER UNANIMOUS DEM CAUCUS  
VOTE TO NOT CONFIRM NOMINEES WHO WON'T PROMISE TO "TESTIFY ON  
DEMAND." NOTED BY CBS. NBC BEGINNING SERIES ON THE  
"CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS" WHICH SOME FEEL IS BUILDING  
BETWEEN WH AND HILL.

- ABC/NBC FILM ON FAMILY OF AF CAPTAIN HECK WHO REFUSED TO FLY  
B-52 MISSIONS AND IS "QUITTING WAR."

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#### TALKS

DEPUTY DOD SECY-DESIGNATE CLEMENTS SAID HE'D NOT RULE OUT LIMITED  
USE OF NUKES AGAINST NVN IF PARIS TALKS BREAK DOWN COMPLETELY.  
"BUT THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF IT." CLEMENTS  
WAS SURE HIS VOICE WOULD BE HEARD IN THE PROCESS FOR SUCH A  
DECISION, AND HIS VIEW "WOULD DEPEND ENTIRELY ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES."  
AS OF NOW, CIRCUMSTANCES WOULDN'T JUSTIFY IT, HE SAID ...SEN. HUGHES  
REPEATED HE MAY TRY TO BLOCK NOMINATIONS OF CLEMENTS AND RICHARDSON  
IN PROTEST AGAINST VN POLICIES. AP SAY CLEMENTS OTHERWISE SAILED  
THRU HEARING W/ALL INDICATIONS HE'D GAIN QUICK APPROVAL. HE WAS  
NOT ASKED DIRECTLY ABOUT REPORTS OF HIS INVOLVEMENT IN A CIVIL SUIT.

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ALL NETS NOTED BREZHNEV SAID PEACE WAS COMING "LITTLE BY  
LITTLE" TO VN BECAUSE BOTH SIDES WISHED TO END THE WAR BY PEACEFUL  
MEANS, BUT NONE TOOK NOTE OF HIS COMMENTS THAT "CLIMATE TENDS  
TOWARD SUMMIT W/RN... NBC SAID NO ONE IN PARIS SEEMED TO BE AS  
OPTIMISTIC AS BREZHNEV.

... "PE No Objection to Declassification in Part 2010/08/06 : LOC-HAK-248-5-10-0"ING  
OF THE TECHNICAL REPS IN THE HAK-THO TALKS "A NEW DIMENSION"  
BUT THE WEEKLY SESSION REFLECTING THE "SAME OLD IMPASSE."  
KALISHCER CALLED IT THE "PROPAGANDA SESSION." ISHAM ON  
NBC/CBS FILM W/NOTHING TO SAY TO COMPLICATE OTHER TALKS.  
NVN'S MAN "NOT SO RETICENT" AS HE SAID SVN, W/US CONNIVANCE,  
WAS TRYING TO DIVIDE VN IN 2 (ALSO NBC), AND SVN'S MAN AGAIN  
CALLING FOR NVN W/DRAWAL AND HANOI'S RESPECT FOR THE REALITY OF  
2 VNS. BUT A PRIVATE TALKS, SAID FENTON, OF CBS, THE LENGTH  
(50 HOURS IN PAST WEEK) AND FREQUENCY OF TECHNICAL SESSIONS  
SUGGESTS HEADWAY. (NBC'S DOBYNS SAID TECHNICAL EXPERTS GOING  
IN TO HAK-THO MEETING LOOKED LIKE "BUROCRATIC VERSION OF  
ROCKETTE'S ROUTINE.") INFO FILTERING OUT INDICATES NVN/US ARE  
AT POINT OF "DIFFICULT AND TOUGH" BARGAINING SAID CBS.

NBC/CBS FILM OF HAK-THO AS THEY SMILED BROADLY FOLLOWING  
LONGEST OF CURRENT SERIES OF TALKS... WIRES NOTE SOME OBSERVERS  
TOOK PRESENCE OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS IN HAK-THO TALKS FOR 1ST  
TIME TO MEAN THE 2 SIDES WERE DISCUSSING SPECIFICS, ALTHO  
THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL INDICATION THIS WAS SO.

DOBYNS ON NBC SAID ONLY CLUES TO PRIVATE TALKS MIGHT BE  
DISCERNED FROM NVN-VC STATEMENT AT PUBLIC TALKS. SIMILARLY  
KALISHCER SAID ONE CAN GET A GLIMPSE OF WHAT'S GOING ON...  
NVN WARNED IT WILL NEVER BE INTIMIDATED BY BOMBING AND WON'T  
ACCEPT US EFFORTS TO "IMPOSE UNREASONABLE TERMS" IN TALKS.  
SVN WAS JUST AS UNYIELDING, SAYS AP, DECLARING WITHDRAWAL  
OF NVN FROM SVN REMAINS "FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM FOR THE RESTORATION  
AND MAINTENANCE OF PEACE." MEANWHILE SVN SAID "NO PROGRESS  
EXPECTED AS EVERY AVAILABLE INDICATOR SUGGESTS NVN IS PREPARING  
FOR THE WORST." ... HOWEVER US SPOKESMAN LAMBERTSON SAID TONE  
OF SEMI-PUBLIC SESSION WAS "SOMEWHAT IMPROVED" COMPARED  
W/LAST WEEK'S VITUPERATION.

VC SAID DMZ IS "LIKE KNIFE ACROSS THE HEART OF THE VIETNAMESE.

SPEAKING IN SC, W. GERMANY'S SCHMIDT SAID "VN IS DEEPLY DISTURBING NOT ONLY FOR YOUR NATION BUT ALSO FOR MY PEOPLE AND THE EUROPEANS AS A WHOLE." THE ALLIES HAVE NEVER BEEN "SERIOUSLY CONSULTED" ON VN, "NOR HAVE THEY VOLUNTEERED TO GIVE THOUGHTFUL ADVICE." HE CONFINED HIS PERSONAL JUDGMENT "TO ONE SINGLE SENTENCE: THIS WAR MUST BE ENDED, OTHERWISE THE DANGER OF ALIENATION MIGHT TURN INTO REALITY AND THEREBY DEEPLY INFLUENCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN-US RELATIONS."

90-YEAR OLD KING GUSTAV OF SWEDEN CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE PEACE AND SAID US MUST NOT RESUME ITS "MERCILESS BOMBING." HE OPENED HIS SPEECH W/TRADITIONAL SENTENCE, SWEDEN'S RELATIONS W/FOREIGN POWERS ARE GOOD." US ENVOY WAS NOT IN GALLERIES... SEN. SCOTT SAID BECAUSE PALME'S MAJORITY IS "SO SLIM, HE HAS TO APPEASE THE EXTREME LEFT BY SPEWING ANTI-AMERICANISM. IT'S AN AFFRONT TO SWEDISH AMERICANS" IN THE US, HE SAID, ADDING HE'S GLAD THERE'S NO AMB. FROM SWEDEN NOW. SCOTT IS "FED UP."

NOTING RN HAS OFTEN CITED THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE US WORD IN VN BECAUSE HE FEELS IF US ABANDONS SVN THERE WOULD BE WORLDWIDE REPERCUSSIONS, KALB ON CBS RADIO SAID US ALLIES ARE QUESTIONING THE CREDIBILITY THEORY, AND RATHER THAN FINDING SUPPORT IN ADMIN PURSUIT OF A LASTING PEACE, A NUMBER HAVE BEEN "APPALLED" BY US POLICY, PARTICULARLY W. GERMANY. IF THE CREDIBILITY THEORY WERE RIGHT, KALB ASSETED, ALLIES SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HOLDING OFF A NVN VICTORY, BUT THE CONTRARY APPEARS TO BE THE CASE. THE US WAS HELD IN HIGHEST REGARD AFTER RN VISITED PRC AND USSR AND MOVED TO END VN. "THERE MIGHT BE A LESSON THERE SOMEWHERE," CONCLUDED MARVIN.

BENISEN FEELS RN IS PURSUING A POLICY OF "SECRECY AND REMOTENESS" BY NOT ALLOWING STATE AND DOD OFFICIALS TO TESTIFY ON VN... MCCLELLAN AND MILTON YOUNG SAID MOORER HADN'T FULFILLED THE ADMIN'S OBLIGATION TO CONGRESS FOR A FULL EXPLANATION OF THE BOMBING. BOTH URGED RN TO ISSUE A FULL STATEMENT ON THE MATTER... GRIFFIN BELIEVES RN WILL PUBLICLY EXPLAIN

BOMBING AFTER CURRENT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS. HE HAS NO INSIDE KNOWLEDGE BUT SAID CURRENT HILL HOSTILITY TO WH MAKES IT IMPERATIVE RN EXPLAIN RECENT ACTION... LOEB, WHO HAS STRONGLY BACKED RN'S BOMBING, SAYS THE MAIN REASON SO MANY PEOPLE WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER ARE SPEAKING IRRESPONSIBLY NOW IS THAT RN HAS FAILED TO TAKE TO TV TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION. MEANWHILE THE CRITICS DOMINATE THE MEDIA AND MANY PAPERS HAVE PLAYED UP THE ATTACKS IN PART OF "A MASSIVE ATTEMPT TO POISON THE MINDS OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST THEIR OWN NATION."

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