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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Briefing of Dr. Kissinger by Colonel Carlson
of the Joint Staff

DATE: August 4, 1972

PARTICIPANTS: Dr. Kissinger
General Haig
Commander Howe
Colonel Carlson
Colonel Everhard

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The following are excerpts from the August 4, 1972 briefing:

Colonel Carlson: The press confirmed the opening of Route 13.

Dr. Kissinger: That is the 3rd time.

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Colonel Carlson: The enemy forces are building up in the IV Corp area.

Dr. Kissinger: What are we doing about it?

Colonel Carlson: We have 12 battalions in the area and are using tacair.

Dr. Kissinger: Where is the 21st Division?

Colonel Carlson: They are still retraining.

Dr. Kissinger: From what?

Colonel Carlson: From the opening of Route 13.

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Dr. Kissinger: Are they learning to walk again? (Said humorously.)

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Dr. Kissinger: What are we really doing with the sorties in the North?

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Dr. Kissinger: When are the mines going to run out?

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