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MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: SUNDAY CABLE SUMMARY

SITUATION IN INDOCHINA: THE NUMBER OF MAJOR VIETNAM CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS INCREASED SLIGHTLY TO 21, BUT MINOR VIOLATIONS CONTINUED TO DECLINE WITH 69 BEING REPORTED. THE SITUATION AT TONLE CHAM HAS REMAINED QUIET SINCE YESTERDAY'S LOCAL CEASE-FIRE. THE CEASE-FIRE WAS EFFECTED AT THE CAMP FOR TWO HOURS (0900-1100 SAIGON TIME) DURING WHICH 26 WOUNDED PERSONNEL WERE EVACUATED. THE REMAINING WOUNDED REFUSED EVACUATION, AN INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT WAS DELAYED BY THE PRG'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE A GUARANTEE OF SAFETY FOR THE INVESTIGATION TEAM. ENEMY PRESSURE ON THE CAMP IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE. NEARLY ALL THE MAJOR VIOLATIONS IN MILITARY REGION 1 CONSISTED OF SHELLING ATTACKS ON ARVN POSITIONS WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF HUE IN WHAT APPARENTLY IS AN EFFORT TO CLEAR A LOGISTICS CORRIDOR TO THE LOWLANDS. ENEMY TERRORISTS ASSASSINATED A HAMLET CHIEF TEN MILES NORTH OF MY THO.

IN CAMBODIA, THE GOVERNMENT WAS FORCED TO CLOSE FIVE MILES OF ROUTE 4 NORTH OF STUNG CHHAY. THE SITUATION ON ROUTE 1 HAS GROWN WORSE AS ALL REMAINING ELEMENTS OF A GOVERNMENT BRIGADE WITHDREW FROM THEIR POSITIONS. THE ENEMY NOW HOLDS OVER TEN MILES OF ROUTE 1 NORTH OF NEAK LUONG FERRY SITE. U.S. AIRCREWS FLEW 194 ATTACK SORTIES AND 60 B-52 SORTIES.

CEASE-FIRE DEVELOPMENTS: THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE PROVIDED TO U.S. OFFICIALS A TIMETABLE FOR RELEASING THE LAST U.S. POWS BEING HELD IN HANOI. UNDER THE PLAN, 40 POWS WOULD BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY AND 67 ON WEDNESDAY. HOWEVER, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE FAILED TO SUPPLY A LIST OF NAMES AND HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN REQUESTED TO DO SO BY GENERAL WOODWARD. IN AN ACCOMPANYING LETTER, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE SAID THE

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RELEASE OF NINE U.S. POWS CAPTURED IN LAOS WAS NOT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE PATHET LAO HAVE REPORTEDLY TURNED OVER TO NORTH VIETNAM THE NAMES OF THE NINE U.S. POWS THEY ARE HOLDING.

A GROUP OF 210 VIET CONG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE POWS, WHO WERE SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LAST EXCHANGE OF COMMUNIST POWS REFUSED TO BOARD RELEASE AIRCRAFT AT BIEN HOA TODAY AND DEMANDED TO STAY IN THE SOUTH. A SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SAID THE GROUP WANTED TO BE RECLASSIFIED AS RETURNEES TO THE SAIGON SIDE. A TEAM FROM THE PRISONER COMMITTEE OF THE FPJMC HAD AGREED TO FLY TO BIEN HOA TO TALK TO THE BALKING PRISONERS. THE POWS HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO FLY TO QUANG TRI CITY.

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PREPARATIONS CONTINUE FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE U.S.-DRV MINE CLEARING SCHOOL WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON MARCH 26.

DURING MINE-CLEARING OPERATIONS TODAY, A VIETNAMESE FISHING BOAT WAS DESTROYED WHEN IT WAS HIT BY A MK-105 SLED BEING TOWED BY A U.S. HELICOPTER. THE TWO FISHERMEN WERE APPARENTLY UNINJURED IN THE INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN HAIPHONG HARBOR.

THE VIETNAMESE PARTIES HAVE AGREED THAT THE TOTAL STRENGTH OF EACH PARTY'S DELEGATION TO THE TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION (TPJMC) WILL BE BETWEEN 1200 AND 1500. STILL UNRESOLVED IS THE QUESTION OF HOW TPJMC TEAMS WILL BE DEPLOYED OUTSIDE SAIGON. THE TPJMC IS TO BE INAUGURATED ON MARCH 29.

SAIGON RADIO REPORTED TODAY THAT MICHEL GAUVIN, HEAD OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE ICCS, HAS PROTESTED AGAINST THE HUNGARIAN AND POLISH DELEGATIONS FOR THEIR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ICCS MISSION OF MAINTAINING PEACE. SPECIFICALLY, GAUVIN DECLARED TO THE TWO COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS THAT THEIR UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL YESTERDAY FROM THE TRI TON AND BEN CAT TEAMS WOULD RESULT IN SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE MAINTAINANCE OF PEACE AND THE ICCS MISSION.

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PRAVDA ACCUSES SOUTH VIETNAM OF VIOLATING THE CEASE-FIRE.
PRAVDA TODAY COMPLAINED OF CONTINUING VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASE-
FIRE BY SAIGON TROOPS AND SUGGESTED THAT THE ALARM EXPRESSED IN
WASHINGTON OVER ALLEGED NORTH VIETNAMESE VIOLATIONS WAS A SMOKE-
SCREEN TO CONCEAL SAIGON'S "UNSEEMLY PLANS." THE PARTY DAILY
ACCUSED SOUTH VIETNAM OF CONDUCTING MASS EXTERMINATION OF POLITICAL
PRISONERS OPPOSED TO PRESIDENT THIEU AND CONCLUDED THAT THE SAIGON
REGIME WOULD NOT DARE PERSIST IN ITS DISREGARD OF THE PARIS PEACE
AGREEMENT IF IT DID NOT FEEL THE SUPPORT OF INFLUENTIAL CIRCLES
IN THE U.S. WHICH SOUGHT TO CONTINUE THE OLD POLICY IN VIETNAM.

CASTRO TO VISIT HANOI

[REDACTED] FIDEL CASTRO MAY EMBARK ON A VISIT TO HANOI IN THE
NEAR FUTURE. CIA COMMENTS THAT WHILE THERE IS NO INFORMATION TO
CONFIRM THE TRIP, IT WOULD NOT BE UNEXPECTED GIVEN THE CLOSE TIES
BETWEEN THE CUBANS AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. IF FIDEL DOES GO, HE
MAY ALSO STOP OFF IN MONGOLIA AND YEMEN(ADEN) TO HONOR INVITATIONS
HE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED LAST YEAR.

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BREZHNEV VISIT TO U.S.:

[REDACTED]
BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO THE U.S. IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE OF THIS YEAR.
HOWEVER, PRESS REPORTS STATE THE U.S. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHEN
THE TRIP IS SCHEDULED AND THE SOVIETS ARE NOT DISCUSSING THE
MATTER.

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