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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

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VC/NVA Use of Captured War Materiel: Recent messages have revealed that the communists intend to collect and use war materiel captured from the South Vietnamese. On March 13, the B-3 Front

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ordered its subordinate units to use prisoners to load captured equipment and documents from the ARVN Comint facility at Ban Me Thuot and haul them off in South Vietnamese trucks. Another North Vietnamese unit said 7,700 gallons of gasoline had been abandoned at An Khe; rear-service units were urged to get this fuel without delay. An unidentified unit in Quang Tri Province reported on March 28 that a mobile vehicle facility would arrive to pick up materiel left by the "enemy" but would not dismantle reusable equipment. A March 31 report by a North Vietnamese army element in Quang Tin Province said that artillery and ammunition captured at Chu Lai as well as vehicles taken at Tam Ky were to be delivered to the 576th Artillery Regiment. The same element claimed that "millions of liters" of fuel were in large storage containers and that "technicians" were needed to extract this fuel for use.

North Vietnamese Move Supplies South: Hanoi is continuing its massive supply shipments to North Vietnamese and Viet Cong units in South Vietnam. Elements of the 541st Storage Area Regiment were notified on March 18 that 100 trucks with military equipment and foodstuffs, probably from North Vietnam, were scheduled to transit their area while en route to COSVN. A March 30 message from the 541st noted that 70 trucks were to be loaded with foodstuffs and medical supplies and sent to COSVN. Four days later, an unidentified rear-service element near Ben Thuy, North Vietnam reported the arrival and departure of 42 pontoon bridging sections, an unspecified number of tanks, and 15 missiles. This shipment is almost certainly destined for South Vietnam, according to DIA.

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