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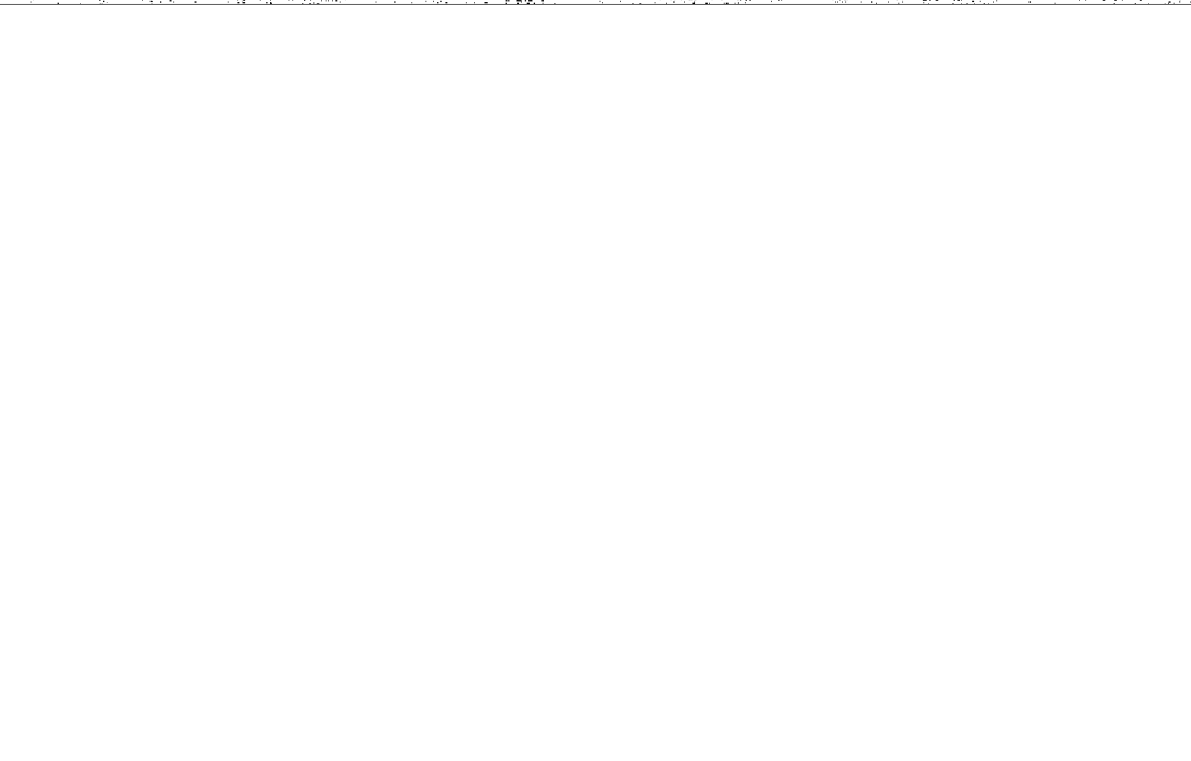
NOVEMBER 29, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

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AID FOR HANOI BUT NO BASE FOR MOSCOW: [REDACTED]  
MIKHAIL KAPITSA, HEAD OF THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY'S  
FIRST FAR EAST DIVISION, RECENTLY PROVIDED [REDACTED]

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SOME ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE RESULTS OF HANOI  
PARTY CHIEF LE DUAN'S RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW. KAPITSA SAID  
THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL GIVE VIETNAM "VERY CONSIDERABLE"  
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR THE RESTORATION AND FURTHER DEVELOP-  
MENT OF ITS NATIONAL ECONOMY. AS USUAL, NEITHER SIDE HAS  
DIVULGED THE VALUE OF THE AID PACKAGE. KAPITSA ALSO SAID  
THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD INSTALL A METALLURGICAL CENTER AND A  
PETROLEUM REFINERY SHOULD PRELIMINARY EXPLORATIONS PROVE THAT  
ENOUGH ORE AND OIL EXIST TO MAKE THE PROJECTS WORTHWHILE.  
WESTERN COMPANIES DISCOVERED THREE OIL DEPOSITS OFFSHORE IN  
SOUTH VIETNAMESE WATERS LAST SPRING, BUT THEIR COMMERCIAL  
VALUE WAS NEVER DETERMINED. KAPITSA DENIED THAT THE SOVIETS  
ARE TRYING TO OBTAIN NAVAL BASES IN VIETNAM, BUT DID ACKNOW-  
LEDGE THEY ARE INTERESTED IN THE OCCASIONAL USE OF VIETNAMESE  
PORTS FOR REFUELING AND REPAIR, PARTICULARLY OF "EXPLORATION"  
SHIPS. THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THAT MOSCOW MAY HAVE BEEN  
PUSHING HANOI A BIT HARDER ON FACILITIES THAN KAPITSA LETS  
ON.

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