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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT:

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Attached is the  for the week ending June 27. Items of particular interest include:

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Casualties

--U.S. battle deaths increased to 104 from the previous week's 80. Thirty-four of the casualties were incurred in Cambodia.

	<u>Week Ending</u> <u>June 27, 1970</u>	<u>Corresponding</u> <u>Week 1969</u>	<u>Total 1970</u>
U.S.	104	241	2,894
SVN	198	238	10,453
VC/NVA	1,474	3,333	66,852

Infiltration

--With the appearance of one new infiltration group during the week, the total number of infiltrators since the upswing in late October 1969 is estimated at some 61,000-62,000

Additional Highlights

--In an address to the nation this week, President Thieu made it clear that he intends to pursue a cautious course in Cambodia in order not to weaken his own country's military posture.

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--A recently captured enemy indoctrination guide indicates that the Vietnamese Communist Leadership maintained a very sober view of the war this spring. The document acknowledges progress of Allied pacification and Vietnamization programs. While insisting that long-term trends favor an eventual Communist victory, the document leaves the impression that the leadership sees the war dragging on inconclusively for a long time and wants the rank and file to be psychologically prepared.

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