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March 21, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. KISSINGER
FROM: JOHN H. HOLDRIDGE
SUBJECT: Weekly Vietnam Cease-fire Overview

Ambassador Bunker has cabled his overview (dated March 19) of the seventh week of the Vietnam cease-fire (Tab A). He notes that all scheduled POW releases will likely be completed by "X plus 60" but that little progress has been made in establishing peace keeping machinery or in other aspects of the Agreement. As the March 28 deadline nears, each side appears to be readying a hair trigger reaction to moves by the other.

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SUBJECT VIET-NAM CEASE-FIRE OVERVIEW - MARCH 19, 1973
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1. SUMMARY. The eleventh cease-fire week was marked by
continuing progress on the release of both US and Vietnamese PWS,
with the likelihood that all scheduled releases could be completed.
BY Y PLUS 6% OTHERWISE, THERE WAS LITTLE MOVEMENT IN THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE-KEEPING MACHINERY OR IN OTHER ASPECTS
OF THE AGREEMENT. OF PARTICULAR NOT, WAS THE VISIT BY CANADIAN
EXTAFF MINISTER SHARP TO EVALUATE THE CANADIAN ROLE IN THE ICES.
WHILE RELATIVE LEVELS OF VIOLENCE REMAINED ON A PLATEAU, INTELL-
IGENCE REPORTS OF NVA INFEKTATION AND THREATENING VC/NVA
BUILDUPS AND INTENTIONS TO RENEW PRESSURE ADDED ILL FOR THE FUTURE.
THE TENDED AREAS INCLUDED AREA WEST OF HUE, THE SA HUYNH AREA IN
QUANG NHAI PROVINCE AND, ESPECIALLY, NORTHERN BINH DUONG WHERE
VC/NVA PRESSURE ON THE IRON TRIANGLE INCREASED. THE LATTER,
Owing to the proximity of SAIgon, MAY WELL PROMPT A SVN
RESPONSE WITH SUBSEQUENT INCREASES IN THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE.
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February 8, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. KISSINGER

FROM: JOHN H. HOLDRIDGE

SUBJECT: Cease-fire Developments (February 8 - 4:30 p.m. EST)

The following is a report on current cease-fire developments in South Vietnam and on the present situation in Laos and Cambodia. This report includes information received from State, Defense and CIA as of 4:30 p.m. EST February 8, 1973.

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Cease-fire Control

Four-Party Joint Military Commission

-- The Chiefs of the Delegation met during the morning and afternoon of February 8. The DRV presented their views concerning the most important tasks to be accomplished by the F PJMC, i.e., implementation of the cease-fire (including meetings between opposing field commanders); agreement on areas of control and modalities of stationing (including agreement on routes and corridors for military transport and agreement
on removal of mines; U.S. FWMAF withdrawals and base dismantlement; POW matters (incomplete RVN POW lists, places of return and dispatch of Red Cross societies); FPJMC establishment (accommodations, facilities, and operations procedures); and formation of the Two-Party Commission.
MEMORANDUM FOR

Rear Admiral Daniel J. Murphy, USN
Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense

Per the Secretary's talk with Dr. Kissinger and our telephone conversation, attached is a checklist of the data desired.

Dr. Kissinger would appreciate having this in hand by Monday morning. An updated version should then be provided at close of business Tuesday.

Brent Scowcroft
Brigadier General, United States Air Force
MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

February 20, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: BRET SCOWCROFT

We have just learned from our embassy in Vientiane that, barring some last-minute hitch, a cease-fire in Laos will be formally signed on February 21. The reported time for the cease-fire to enter into effect is noon, Vientiane time, on Thursday, February 22.

The agreement reportedly includes the formation of a new provisional government within 30 days, the withdrawal of all foreign forces within 60 days after that, and the exchange of all POWs in the same time frame as the withdrawal of foreign forces.