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President/Kissinger  
2:40 pm  PST  4/20/70

'P: When are the admirals getting here?

K: About 2:00.  (McCain)
P: You come over with him. I want to talk to him with you for 5 mins. I want to give him his guidelines. The reason I have the time is that I have just dictated another draft. I have half an hour now. Cambodia is important and will have to do it fast. I need to know how soon the VN can get going over there.

K: The following is being done now and they will use tactical air and they will use ? ? ? ?

P: Also, have that worked diplomatically out with the Cambodians so that they can say that they asked for it.

K: They have at one point.

P: Cambodia must ask VN for help.

K: We get from intelligence that Peking has attacked in the newspapers the hardest since the beginning.

P: The Chinese are trying to get more out of us. I'm very convinced that the important thing is to get South Vietnamese over there. Particularly since this withdrawal thing, he can wait until three months to move them. He has to move them before we are out of there. We have to see the urgency of the thing. Aiding Cambodia with arms is useless -- they cannot use them. Get the money to Long Nol.

K: Helms and Johnson are doing that. We have suggested he use it for arms but we will say we helped them economically, if we are ever asked.

P: Is it 10? Is 10 significant to them?

K: We gave them 10 this afternoon and more tomorrow. The CIA had recommended only 5. You have doubled the request.

P: That will give him some assurance. Don't limit the psychology thing.

K: You didn't give McCain an order that ? ? ? ?

P: No, I just want the figures. I don't want SVN to get in there and then get the hell kicked out. K: I will bring him over as soon as he gets here.