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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 13, 1967

~~TOP SECRET~~

Attached are notes taken by
Tom Johnson at a meeting of the National
Security Council on February 13, 1967,
in the Cabinet Room.

At issue: resumption of
bombing against North Vietnam, and
timing of announcement.

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PRES.

DONT WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN
ANOTHER EXTENSION IF NOT DOING
ANY GOOD.

ROSTOW

BUNDY

URGED UNTIL 3 P.M. FOR NAVAL GUNFIRE

MENAMARA

THRO BRITISH PUT PROPOSALS TO KOSYGIN

K' SENT TO HANOI

IF THEY STOP INFIL. WE WILL CEASE BOMBING OF N.

ON SAT. HANOI TOLD EMBASSY

HAD TRANSMITTED OUR

KOSYGIN TO BREZNEV.

HAVE TRANSMITTED PROPOSAL

SOVIET HAS ENDORSED OUR PROPOSAL.

WILSON WANTED 5 MORE HOURS

GAVE UNTIL 11 A.M. THIS A.M.

1 WHEELER
2 MCNAMARA
3 VANCE

4 NUSLOW
5 KATZENBACH
6 VP
7 BILL BUNDY (8) + FOY MOHLER

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Get him on ground AT 11:50

Buz: WHEELER

1570 CRAFT SIGHTED

SINCE TET ENDED 166 MORE

2,243 TRUCKS SIGHTED

1449 ALONG COAST

794 PASS AREA

SINCE TET 248 TRUCKS

25,000 TONS MOVED

20,000 by sea

5,000 by land

200 DIVISION DAYS OF SUPPLY
FOR 5 DIVS.
40 DAYS OF SUPPLY

HAVE NOT SUFFERED ANY ILLEFFECTS

MOVEMENT OF SUPPLY HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL.

W/O IT COULD MOVE 1/5TH OF IT.

POSTPONEMENT - YES, I FAVOR IT

BECAUSE THIS IS 1ST TIME Soviets have
been in like this.

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Vance

UP-

Chinese sit. may mean they can't
hold their power over Hanoi
Time element is very desirable,
at even for a couple of hours.

BILL BUNDY

USE OPEN LINE TO THOMPSON

RUSSIANS WILL INTERCEPT

BRITISH - HAVE COUNTRIES TO TELL THEM

- ANNOUNCE HERE AT 12 O'CLOCK -

ROSTOW:

FAVOR PROPOSAL MADE

HAVE REPLIED TO MOSCOW REQUEST

PRES.

ASKED NICK TO DRAFT CABLE TO WILSON

ADD ANOTHER 7 HOURS ON BOMBING

BUT WILL TRY TO MINIMIZE MOVEMENT OF
SUPPLY BY NAVAL FORCES.

Rostow

BUNDY:

You + Godfree stay on alert
until 11 p.m. tonight.
(3 p.m.)

MCN

At 1 p.m.

author naval for 3

at 3

author bombing for 7

PLANNED TO RESUME AT NOON

NOW TO 7 P.M. TONIGHT

EXCUTE MESSAGE AT 3

NAVAL GUNFIRE START AT NOON

DIES HARDI DISTINGUISH BETWEEN GUNFIRE
+ BOMBING.

WHEELER

ANOTHER 2-3 HOURS WON'T HAVE ANY EFFECT

PRES

STAND ON ALERT UNTIL 3 P.M. OUR TIME

BOMBING STARTS AT 7

NAVAL GUNFIRE TO BE MOVED BACK

UP

ARGUED W/ MEN - 1ST TIME SOVIETS BEGAN.

THIS IS RISK WORTH TAKING

OUGHT TO GIVE EXTRA HOURS

MEN:

> WILSON ASKED FOR BOMBING EXTENSION

- GAVE IT

> HE ASKED FOR ANOTHER

- WE GAVE IT

> WE ARE NOW "GIVING THEM" ANOTHER.

WHY?

LET'S NOT VOLUNTEER ANYTHING WE HAVEN'T

ROSEW:

WE CAN DEAL W/ CROSS SIGNAL

DANGER: RUSSIANS COME BACK W/ SOMETHING CONCRETE

MEN:

WE GAVE THEM 6 HOURS MORE THAN EXPECTED.

Pres.

Likely to get some 3rd rate proposition

MEN

FORMULA CANNOT BE ACCEPTED BY HANCO

Answer is NO OR MODERATED NO

IF HAVE MODERATED NO AND WE HAVEN'T
BOMBED, we're in HELL OF FIX.

PRES.

Wrote Ho on 7TH

HE HASN'T SAID A WORD

Pres.-

You

Buz

Within 4 hours they can be over target

Pres.

Restraints are lifted as soon as you can

AT 12, you could say authorization
of RESUMPTION OF ACTION HAS BEEN MADE

NOT BEFORE 11:50 - NOT LATER THAN 3
START NAVAL AT NOON

G. C. - STATE - DEFENSE
say at 12. get announcement
from field

COMBAT ACTIONS AGAINST THE
NORTH HAVE BEEN RESUMED

KATZ:

ALRIGHT

TAYLOR:

DON'T LIKE TO SAY BEFORE HAND.

(12:15)

Pres

1. CINPAC PROCEED AFTER 11:50
2. MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT WHEN WE HAVE HIS NOTICE HE HAS BOMBED.

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- NO comment.
 - operational matter.
 - when we have info, we'll tell you.
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MEN

You are auth. to res. (bombing + ground)
come up at noon EST
~~UNDERSTAND FROM YOU THAT~~
HOPE BOMBING BY 3 P.M. EST
WHEN CAN YOU GET PLANE OVER TARGET
confirm to us time over target
Then we will announce that
combat ops. have resumed

PRES. IF MILITARY PEOPLE ARE SATISFIED

BUZ: THIS IS A POLITICAL DECISION

▶ NOT GOING TO MAKE THAT MUCH DIFFERENCE
MILITARILY.

BUNDY: WE'VE GONE MORE NOTCHED

MAX TAYLOR:

NO PROB. IN POSTPONING MIL GUNFIRE.

AT 12-

— RESUMPTION OF MIL ACTION AUTHORIZED.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESUMPTION

+ BOMB ~~ST~~ FALLING AT SAME TIME.

→ NAVAL IMMEDIATELY.

BOMBS RIGHT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

~~NE~~

→ TET suspension

ANNOUNCE AT PENTAGON

ED HAMILTON
CALL McCLOSKEY
WH + STATE
SAY NOTHING

Our. has exchanges with
various groups from
time to time.

Labor
Bus.
Ag.
C/R

Today was convenient time.

Met w/him Sat
+