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HONOLULU MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN
POLICY ADVISERS - untranscribed

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[HONOLULU MEETING WITH
FOREIGN POLICY ADVISERS]

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① Saigon + News Summary

Do said summit needed before negotiations

Park said ROK defense to be discussed

Hanoi picks peace negotiator

② Intelligence Briefing

A Lower level of traffic in Laos

B Southern Laos traffic slightly lower

On Rt 912, an increase

On Rt 911, intens

Air sightings are up slightly

1276 to 1344

C South Vietnam

Activity from enemy extremely light

D Current activity

Khe Sanh -

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Activity NLJ/TBS 37

By LW Date 10-18-84

NVA infiltrated by sea some
weapons.

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E General Assessment

No evidence of any affect on actions by neg.
Deterioration of enemy offensive posture

Corps I - 47-56 battalions available
- Withdrawal from Khe Sanh area evident.
- Leaving behind weapons
- Enemy moving along Laos border
Focal point of enemy is Hue.
Hold no immediacy of attacks

II Corps

26-27 enemy combat effective bns
Heavy logistical effort
Withdrawal of units - delay of
N-lay
Returning to defensive posture
No indication of immediate
attacks

III Corps (Saigon)

13-16 bns

Retreat to base area

5,300 enemy replacements since Tet
Saigon allied offensive forcing us back
Sporadic attacks probable

IV Corps

11-14 bns

Avoiding attacks

Repairing losses

Psychological pressure on urban areas

In Summary

Enemy avoiding contact

Moving back to base area

This is primary objective

In-country activity is keep tactical
hull

Vien + Dong Hai airfield unserviceable

380 high + low - level missions
of recon above 20th

4 since 13 April

Wheeler: Westy stream group
were moving prior to Tet

③ Operational SUN Reg 343,000

A Troop Strengths

SUN Total 755,000

US 516,000

Allied 62,000

B Deployment

291 maneuver brs

154 SUN

111 US

26 Free World

Allied

Enemy

1 93

47-56

2 61

26-27

3 89

13-16

4 48

Current operations

Khesanh - Heavy shelling

Significant arms caches found

650 sorties flown

60 B 52

Air Operations over North Vietnam

80% of bombing against infiltration route

④ Barrier Plan

Sensor 25 10% of trucks destroyed

Recon 111

Outside Sensor 106

Total 242

Sensors give info where to begin search

⑤ Air Operations

Marginal to poor weather

Strike Film

Barges

RR Ferry

North of DMZ

Traffic slightly down

Laos

Truck Activity is high

⑥ Korea

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MAPP program of 420 new
obligations authority. 510
asked for in 1969.

Whelan: Tell Park this request
will have to be studied as part
of overall MAPP program.

To date they have not shown
any inclination to send additional
light division to SUN.

You have met your equipment
They have not.

Vane: This is an amplification of
the shopping list they gave
me.

Pres: Go into infiltration from
north.

What about 17,050 in April.

Looks like twice as much
infiltration in last 4 weeks
than anytime before

Wheeler: Westy said not all going
to SVN.

They are replacements
+ new units.

Looks like substantiated
increase in last 2 months.

Pres Has modification of bowl
affected the

Sharp Agent been able to deliv
it.

Wheeler Since Jan., 80,000 enemy KIA
Not back to pre-Tet position.

Pres. What effect will weather
in Laos have on us?

Sharp Can move easier because
no air strikes.

Some weather / road problems
Not sure how far the convoys

Pres. Do you think he suffered as result
of Tet?

Sharp Yes, sir

Wheeler. Also we know he did
because of no 2nd level
of attr. He wants
to mount them but
can't.

Rostow: Have we taken
stock of strength of main-
force unit.

MACV assesses all captured
units against strength.

Figures are impressive, but
Aerial reconnaissance does not reflect
man infusion into S.

No large vehicles of replacements seen yet.

Pres - Are they regrouping
or running.

Wheeler - He is avoiding contact
where possible & attempting
to get recruits.

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*Our people are carrying the
fight to the enemy.*

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