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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

The First Corps remained quiet yesterday as enemy activity remained at a low level, however, widespread small unit patrols and ambushes recorded 40 enemy killed. Friendly casualties were one killed and 13 wounded.

Along the DMZ Marine units at Con Thien and Gio Linh received 30 rounds of mortar and artillery fire yesterday. There were no casualties reported.

Yesterday, the US Army 173d Airborne Brigade encountered heavy contact about 14 miles southwest of Dak To. During the first few hours of the battle, helicopter operations were restricted due to intense enemy fire, but were able to effectively support thereafter. Late casualty data for this last reported Dak To engagement show 72 US killed, 85 wounded and 17 missing; 17 enemy dead have been counted thus far.

Cumulative casualties from the Dak To area for the period November 1 through November 20 are: Friendly 298 killed and 998 wounded, enemy 1,143 killed.

US Army elements engaged the enemy 30-40 miles northwest of Saigon on Sunday and Monday. These brief contacts resulted in ten enemy and two US killed; 24 US were wounded.

An US Air Force A-1 on a ground support mission has been shot down 7 miles north of Dak To. There is no word as to the pilots condition.

North Vietnam

US pilots flew 406 sorties yesterday. Bad weather prevented strikes against Rolling Thunder Alpha targets.

A US Air Force F-105 was downed by a MIG, 66 miles northwest of Hanoi. A good chute was observed and a good beeper heard. SAR is in progress.

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Casualties reported during the past 24 hours--to 5:30 AM

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>
Enemy	67	--
United States	75	122
South Vietnam	--	--