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6:30 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

In the Dak To area, an ARVN battalion is fighting a battle with an estimated two enemy companies some 10 miles northeast of the town. The battle started yesterday afternoon and thus far ARVN casualties have been reported as 10 killed, 9 wounded and 9 missing.

The Dak To base complex came under mortar attack yesterday which resulted in 4 US wounded, two C-130 aircraft destroyed and two trucks destroyed. Thirty mortar rounds also fell on a US support base 17 miles north of the town killing one US soldier and wounding five.

An ARVN battalion is now engaged in a fierce battle in coastal Binh Thuan Province, northeast of Saigon. This battle began late Sunday. Information is sparse since communications have been poor between the senior commands and the units in contact. However, one ARVN company was reportedly cut off and had taken 70 percent casualties (and ARVN company generally consists of 180 men). Two US helicopters supporting the ARVN forces have been shot down; eight US soldiers on board were wounded. Reported results for this three-day action are 66 ARVN killed and 26 wounded; enemy casualties are not known.

In other actions, Marines in First Corps report killing 26 enemy in scattered small-unit actions.

North Vietnam

Bad weather again limited US air operations with only 126 sorties reported flown. No significant targets were reported hit.

Casualties for the past 24 hours -- to 5:30 AM

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>
Enemy	26	--
United States	1	17
South Vietnamese	76	35

Note: Enemy and ARVN casualties are undoubtedly higher than indicated but continuing actions make it difficult to get reports.

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