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Saturday, July 8, 1967
3:15 p. m.

Mr. President:

Herewith Dick Helms' summary of the situation in Hanoi, with some recent specific reports from the ground and elsewhere.

My impression is:

- the bombing down to June 10 hurt more than anything in the past;
- the present transport bombing puts some significant pressure on them outside Hanoi;
- they have something to think about as they look ahead over the next year, but it is not yet for the government in Hanoi an unmanageable situation.

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SUBJECT

OBSERVATIONS ON CONDITIONS IN HANOI AS OF
7 JULY.

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1. ON THE EVENING OF 7 JULY, MOST OF THE CITY OF HANOI WAS ILLUMINATED. SMALL SECTIONS OF THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PART OF THE CITY WERE BLACKED OUT. AT GIA LAM AIRPORT, THE USUAL TWO FLOODLIGHTS WERE BEING EMPLOYED IN THE PARKING AREA. GIA LAM DISTRICT ITSELF WAS FULLY LIGHTED. THE PONT DES RAPIDES WAS NORMALLY LIGHTED.

2. ~~IT WAS RELIABLY REPORTED IN HANOI THAT THE CENTRAL THERMAL ELECTRIC PLANT APPEARED TO BE 90 PERCENT REPAIRED.~~ THE AREAS

UNDERGOING REPAIR WERE WELL CAMOUFLAGED. WATER CONSUMPTION APPEARED NORMAL. HANOI OFFICIALS HAVE, HOWEVER, BECOME CONCERNED WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ABNORMAL PERIOD OF DROUGHT. THE LEVEL OF THE RED RIVER IS FROM TWO TO THREE METERS BELOW ITS USUAL LEVEL AND THERE IS CONCERN ABOUT HAVING SUFFICIENT WATER FOR THE FORTHCOMING RICE SEASON. HANOI OFFICIALS HAVE, IN FACT, ALREADY SERVED NOTICE THAT EMERGENCY MEASURES MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO TRANSFER WATER FROM ONE RICE AREA TO ANOTHER BY A DIKE SYSTEM. SIGNS WERE OBSERVED IN TMB CITY DIRECTING INHABITANTS TO HELP EACH OTHER. ~~THE CIVILIAN POPULATION WAS SHOWING LESS HOPE AND VITALITY, AND THIS WAS DEFINITELY RELATED TO THE 9-10 JUNE RAIDS ON THE CENTER OF HANOI, WHICH WERE A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE FOR THE HANOI POPULACE~~

3. TRANSPORT IN HANOI WAS NORMAL. TRAMWAYS WERE FUNCTIONING AND TRAFFIC WAS MOVING AT ITS NORMAL PACE. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK.

4. ON 7 JULY A HEAVY CONVOY WAS SIGHTED AT 1940 HOURS HANOI TIME, WHICH COINCIDED WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE ICC PLANE. WHEN THE AIRCRAFT LEFT AT 2010 HOURS THE CONVOY HAD ALREADY MOVED INTO THE CITY OF HANOI.

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GENERAL ABRAMS, AMBASSADOR KOMER, GENERAL KERWIN, GENERAL
DAVIDSON) CINCPAC (ADMIRAL S ZRP AND POLAD) PACAF (GENERAL RYAN)
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SUBJECT: Recall of DRV Representatives
From Abroad to Hanoi

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The DRV Mission Chiefs have returned from Paris, Djakarta and New Delhi. The Mission Chiefs have also returned from Laos, Cambodia and Poland.

[] vague rumor that the government party was seriously split while the Middle East crisis was going on. []

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[] the Mission Chiefs have been recalled either to take part in general policy discussions in the light of the rather soft line the Russians took during the Middle East crisis, or less likely, they were recalled to be told of some policy decision which had already been taken.

[] Ho Chi Minh did not appear for the May Day celebrations nor did he appear for the celebration of his own birthday, 19 May. For the latter, there was a photograph of him in the newspaper dressed in winter clothing.

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[] it would be a great mistake to misjudge the psychology of the locals by trying to exploit their apparent indecision by hitting them harder.

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2. THE OTHER DAY, AT ABOUT ONE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTER-
NOON, THE AMERICAN BOMBERS ATTACKED THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF
HAIPHONG. HOUSES NEAR THE CATHAY THEATER WERE HIT AND SOME
PEOPLE WERE KILLED. EVEN SO, THE HEARTLESS AMERICAN DEVILS
CANNOT FRIGHTEN THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM FOR THEIR CAUSE IS
JUST. ON THE CONTRARY THIS BOMBING SHOWS THAT THE AMERICANS
ARE FACED WITH FAILURE AND THEY ARE STRUGGLING FOR THEIR
EXISTENCE. WE ARE SURE THAT WE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM WILL WIN

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THE WAR IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE AND WILL LIBERATE SOUTH
VIETNAM AND UNIFY OUR ENTIRE COUNTRY.

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COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM

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SUBJ OBSERVATIONS IN HANOI IN LATE MAY 1967

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1. (SUMMARY: IN LATE MAY 1967 TANKS WERE USED IN ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY POSITIONS IN THE HANOI AREA. PETROLEUM CANS WERE SEEN FREQUENTLY IN THE FREIGHT TRAINS. ALTHOUGH FOOD RATIONING CONTINUED, PRICES ON SOME ITEMS HAD BEEN REDUCED AND GOODS APPEARED PLENTIFUL.)

2. ABOUT 100 MEDIUM-SIZE TANKS SERVING AS ANTIAIRCRAFT EMPLACEMENTS WERE STATIONED ALONG THE BANK OF A LARGE

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RIVER NEAR THE STEEL RAILROAD SPAN OUTSIDE HANOI.

EACH TANK PULLED AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN MOUNTED ON A WHEELED PLATFORM. IN ADDITION TO ITS OWN CANNON EACH TANK HAD A DOUBLE BARRELLED ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN PROTRUDING FROM THE TURRET OPENING.

3. MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT CARS IN HANOI INCREASED CONSIDERABLY SINCE LAST YEAR. IN ADDITION TO A LOCOMOTIVE IN FRONT EACH FREIGHT TRAIN HAD ANOTHER LOCOMOTIVE. PETROLEUM CARS WERE SEEN FREQUENTLY.

4. FOOD ITEMS WERE APPARENTLY PLENTIFUL AND PRICES ON GOODS AS A WHOLE SEEMED TO HAVE DECREASED. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PRICE OF RICE, WHICH WAS RATIONED, HAD BEEN REDUCED ABOUT TEN PER CENT. SIMILAR PRICE DECREASES WERE NOTED FOR SUCH ITEMS AS SOY SAUCE, MEDICAL GOODS AND BEAN MASH. DOMESTIC VACCINES FOR CHOLERA AND TYPHUS WERE BEING PRODUCED FOR USE IN THE NORTH AS WELL AS IN THE SOUTH.

5. DURING THE PERIOD 18-29 MAY NO BOMB DAMAGE WAS NOTED IN THE AREA OF HANOI GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS OR TO PRESIDENT HO CHI MINH'S QUARTERS. NOR WAS THERE EVIDENCE OF BOMBING AT AN

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UNIDENTIFIED AIRFIELD NORTH OF HANOI WHERE THE FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT WERE SEEN: A TWIN ENGINE MILITARY PLANE, ABOUT 20 KHAKI-COLORED MILITARY HELICOPTERS AND FIVE OR SIX CIVILIAN CRAFT.

6. A FAIRLY LARGE SIZE AUTOMOBILE REPAIR PLANT SITUATED SOUTH OF THE FANCHIMU (PHONETIC) HOTEL APPEARED TO HAVE EVACUATED ITS MAJOR FACILITIES AND WAS CONCENTRATING PRIMARILY ON MINOR REPAIRS. TWO OTHER FACTORY BUILDINGS LOCATED SOUTH OF THE HOTEL HAD BEEN EVACUATED AND WERE VACANT.

7. CHINESE WERE SEEN IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HANOI. FIVE OR SIX HAD QUARTERS IN THE FANCHIMU HOTEL. THEY WOULD DEPART IN THE MORNING, RETURN AT NOON AND LEAVE LATE IN THE AFTERNOON FOR SOME UNKNOWN DESTINATION. THEIR MISSION IN HANOI WAS NOT KNOWN.

8. VIETNAMESE WORKERS WERE REPORTEDLY VOLUNTARILY RETURNING 20 PER CENT OF THEIR PAY TO THE GOVERNMENT, AND ALLEGEDLY PRODUCTION HAS GREATLY INCREASED IN RECENT MONTHS.

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