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FROM WALT ROSTOW
FOR THE PRESIDENT

HERewith SULLIVAN NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE TRUCK KILL RATE IN DECEMBER ON THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL. THE BARRIER DEVICES ARE BEGINNING TO CONTRIBUTE marginally, BUT ARE NOT YET A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR.

1. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GREAT SATISFACTION WITH CONTINUING HIGH OF TRUCK KILLS IN HO CHI MINH TRAIL STRUCTURE. OUR RECORDS SHOW THAT 902 TRUCKS WERE DESTROYED AND 77 DAMAGED IN THE PERIOD 1-31 DECEMBER WHICH EXCEEDS ALL-TIME HIGH SET IN NOVEMBER (693 DESTROYED - 78 DAMAGED).

2. KILLS ON THE TRAIL THIS DECEMBER WERE MORE THAN FIVE TIMES GREATER THAN LAST YEAR WHEN 170 TRUCKS WERE DESTROYED. LOSSES OF THIS MAGNITUDE SHOULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPAIR EFFECTIVENESS OF PANHANLE SUPPLY SYSTEM.

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