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Wednesday, September 27, 1967 -- 7:00 p.m.

Mr. President:

You should know that perhaps as many as 200 Russians are involved with the North Vietnamese SAM system at Phuc Yen airfield, according to CIA.

Neither Nick nor I would alter our present target decision; the Russians, if there, have accepted the risks of their trade.

But I did wish you to know of the report, since it did not come to my attention until after Tuesday's decision.

Today we have been busy trying to assure Phuc Yen wasn't struck just as your friend Maurer (Roumania) arrived. Complicated war.

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