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Friday, October 27, 1967  
2:15 p. m.

Mr. President:

Herewith, as requested, Bob Ginsburgh  
reports for October 23-26:

- plane losses by cause;
- physical results achieved, as presently  
known;
- an interim assessment of military  
effects.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSTOW

In the last four days we have lost 14 aircraft over North Vietnam:

Date	Type	Target	Cause		
			Ground Fire	SAM	Unknown
23 Oct	F-105	Kep Airfield	X		
	F-4E	Haiphong RR Yard	X		
	F-4B	Phuc Yen		X	
24 Oct	F-4B	Phuc Yen			X
	F-105D	Phuc Yen	X		
25 Oct	A-4E	Phuc Yen			X
	F-105	Hanoi Bridge (Doumer)	X		
	A-4E	Van Dien Supply Depot			X
	A-4E	Hanoi Thermal Power			X
	F-8E	Hanoi Thermal Power			X
26 Oct	F-105	Hanoi Bridge Canal des Rapides		X	
	F-105	" " " "		X	
	F-105	Unknown		X	
	F-4	MIG Cap	X		
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We have achieved the following results:

Target	Aircraft Lost	Damage	Assessment
Phuc Yen Airfield	4	11 MIGs destroyed or damaged on ground 4 in the air, field is unserviceable -- no operational aircraft.	The deployment of 3-4 MIGs to China has reduced NVN's in-country inventory to 4-5. 2-3 airfields are serviceable --

Target	Aircraft Lost	Damage	Assessment
Kep Airfield	1	Limited damage has been temporarily repaired.	2 limited serviceable. Primary jet operations will probably be restricted to Gia Lam. Restrikes will be warranted as NVN restores fields and uses them to stage China-based aircraft.
Hoa Lai	0	All ordnance on target. 1 secondary explosion	
Hanoi Thermal Power	2	3 WALLEYES hit generator hall. All conventional bombs on target. Lights are out again.	Repair time from previous strikes was longer than expected -- it ought to take even longer this time.
Hanoi (Doumer) Bridge	1	600 feet of bridge out, 2 spans down, 1 span severely damaged.	Dropping of these 2 bridges again should cause Hanoi at least as much difficulty and require at least as much time to repair -- seeding the waters with MARK 36 destructors makes by-pass more difficult.
Hanoi (Canal) Bridge	2	Bridge is down.	
Van Dien Supply	1	Severe damage to 7 buildings. Superficial damage to 3.	Previous strikes on Van Dien targets created high noise level. Attacks on these targets maintain pressure on supplies and their movement in and out of Hanoi-Haiphong area.
Van Dien Vehicle	0	1 MIG in the air -- 2 buildings burning, several others damaged.	
Lang Dang RR Yard	0	40 pieces of rolling stock destroyed or damaged.	"
Haiphong RR Yard	1	All bombs on target, smoke precluded damage assessment.	"

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