

INFORMATION

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: News Media Contacts

Today Jim Lucas, Scripps-Howard Newspapers Syndicate, and Boyd France, BUSINESS WEEK, came in. I took them both through the latest prisoner of war reports; casualty figures; reorganization of the Vietnamese government; cooperation and revival in the Delta; etc.

As opposed to the newsmen I saw last week, Lucas and France had a clear picture of how the battle went. They asked about:

- the second wave of attack on the cities;
- whether the GVN could keep up the good work;
- when we thought the Khe Sanh offensive would begin.

I detected somewhat less running in circles and a clearer focusing on what we face.

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