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INFORMATION

Pres file

Saturday, March 9, 1968 -- 1:15 p.m.

Mr. President:

With respect to enemy forces around Khe Sanh, the attached explains:

- intelligence community is now carrying 14,000 as the enemy threat in the area;
- they agree there have been some recent reductions;
- they will be completing by about Wednesday of next week a study of the whole of I Corps -- the results of which I shall report to you.

W. W. Rostow

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MEMORANDUM

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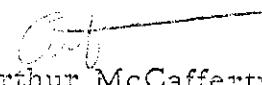
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSTOW

Regarding our feeling this morning that the enemy order of battle around Khe Sanh may have fallen to 6-8,000, I have checked with the Intelligence community and find they are carrying about 14,000.

This assessment of the Intelligence people comes about from an upgrading of unit identification from what we were holding and recent OB data from MACV. They are working very hard to check and verify this information and to study the recent movements in the area and will be giving us a current estimate covering the whole of First Corps by Wednesday of next week.

In the meantime, we all agree that the majority of one regiment (320th) has moved from Khe Sanh to the Hue area and the added threat from three regiments to the northwest of Khe Sanh has been changed with their movement -- the headquarters of the 320 and two regiments moved to the east, and then, for some unexplained reason, north to the DMZ, and the 90th regiment moved to Hue.


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