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Friday, March 22, 1968 - 9:00 a.m.

Mr. President:

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At Khe Sanh-DMZ-A Shau:

- 111 enemy rounds, mainly artillery
- 2830 outgoing friendly;
- 279 sorties plus 6 B-52's;
- 214 tons delivered;
- weather continues good;
- photo coverage (80%) at last of A Shau Valley, which could give us some bombing targets.

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Friday, March 22, 1968, 8:44 a.m.

TEXT OF CABLE FROM GENERAL WESTMORELAND

This is report number forty-seven on the situation in the Khe Sanh/DMZ/A Shau area for the 24-hour period of March 21, 1968.

The amount of incoming fire decreased from yesterday as 111 rounds of mixed fire fell on the combat base. Seventy-one rounds were artillery, a change from yesterday, when the bulk of the fire was from mortars. Twenty-seven Marines were wounded; 18 required evacuation. U.S. artillery fired 2830 rounds in 106 missions; thirty-six observed. No COFRAM ammunition was expended.

Clear weather prevailed throughout the Niagara area for the fourth consecutive day, and 279 tactical air sorties were flown. Bomb damage assessment included 35 enemy killed by air observer directed strikes, one automatic weapon position destroyed, one probably destroyed, and six secondary explosions.

Six B-52 strikes were scheduled into the Khe Sanh area. One strike was scheduled as an emergency target, 2500 meters from friendly troops. ARC LIGHT damage assessment reported 13 secondary explosions.

During the next 24 hours, 289 tactical air sorties and six ARC LIGHT strikes are scheduled. An additional 422 pre-planned tac air sorties can be diverted into the Khe Sanh area if required.

Unhampered by weather and enemy anti-aircraft fire, Air Force Fixed Wing and Marine helicopters moved 214 short tons of supplies and 49 replacements into Khe Sanh. During the same period six tons of air delivered equipment was backloaded.

The weather is expected to remain the same over the next 24 hours, with thunder shower activity reducing visibility in the late afternoon.

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Along the DMZ, light activity was reported near Camp Carroll. Elements of the 9th Marines engaged small enemy units in sporadic action. Six enemy were killed, without friendly loss. Total casualties in the 3rd Marine Division area for the period were U. S. 32 wounded (20 evacuated); 43 enemy killed, one detained, one individual weapon captured. Elsewhere in Quang Tri Province, no major ground actions took place, some light casualties occurred from sporadic incoming mortar and artillery fire.

Two reconnaissance teams went into the A Shau Valley this morning, the twenty-second. One will move north. One south of the Rao Lao River will recon to north and east. An early morning reconnaissance flight and one tactical air photo mission covered 80 per cent of the target area. Six anti-aircraft sites were found to be occupied.

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THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER
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THE JOINT STAFF

MEMORANDUM FOR THE WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

**Subject: Supply Status at Khe Sanh as of 8:00 PM EST
21 Mar (9:00 AM 22 Mar, SVN time)**

1. The Khe Sanh Dump and Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) status as of the above time is as follows:

	<u>DAYS SUPPLY ON HAND</u>	<u>PREVIOUS STATUS 8:00 PM 20 Mar EST (9:00 AM 21 Mar SVN)</u>
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CLASS I (Rations)

Meal, Combat, Individual B Rations	22 7	21 days 8 days
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CLASS II (Fuel)

Aviation Gas (AVGAS)	3	3 days
JP-4 Fuel (Jet Fuel)	10.6	10.6 days
Motor Gasoline (MOGAS)	12.8	13.2 days
Diesel	13.6	9 days

CLASS V (Ammunition)

a. High Explosive

60-mm mortar	55	51 days
81-mm mortar	29	31 days
90-mm (Tank)	133	133 days
4.2" mortar	31	32 days
105-mm howitzer	22	22 days
155-mm howitzer	26	24 days

b. Antitank

	<u>ROUNDS ON HAND</u>
90-mm AP-T	329
90-mm HEAT	1,202
66-mm rocket (LAW)	2,981
Antitank mines (M-15)	291
Antitank mines (M-19)	469
Antitank mines (M-21)	0
106-mm HEAT	1,451
106-mm recoilless rifle (HEP-T)	2,087
3.5" rocket	3,305

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c. Antipersonnel

106-mm BEEHIVE

ROUNDS ON HAND

1,517

CLASS V (COFRAM)

105-mm howitzer	5	5 days
155-mm howitzer	5	5 days
40-mm grenade launcher	5	5 days
Hand Grenades	10	10 days

2. On 21 March, Khe Sanh was resupplied with 214 tons as follows:

CLASS I	49.5 tons
CLASS II	5.5 tons
CLASS III	16 tons
CLASS IV	37.5 tons
CLASS V	93.5 tons
MISCELLANEOUS	12 tons

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