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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. YOUNG

Subj: Status of FIC Refugee Evacuation

1. Ships engaged. There are 55 USN and MSTB ships engaged in refugee evacuation. RADM Sabin is the commander of this force. Included in this total number are the ships required to furnish logistic support to the evacuation fleet and one hospital ship.
2. U.S. Navy evacuation. On 14 September the total number of persons evacuated by the U.S. Navy was 81,314 civilians and 5,386 military personnel.
3. Future prospects. Based on new estimates of evacuation requirements, plans now contemplate a reduction in the U.S. sea lift capacity to 50,000 per month. This can be accomplished by 5 MSTB troopers now in the area supplemented by amphibious naval ships. Six MSTB cargo ships will be retained to lift material. In addition, 5 MSTB ships will stand by in Western Pacific ports until 20 September to give an emergency lift capability of 92,500 per month if needed. By 20 September, it is expected that a new estimate of the situation will be made.

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