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OFFICE OF CHIEF MAAG, SAIGON

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SITREP 118 IN 3 PARTS.

PART 1.

LOADED 5 JAN 291 SHORT TONS IN DIDDO. 325 SHORT TONS IN HERKIMER.
 LOADED 6 JAN 114 SHORT TONS IN DIDDO. 493 SHORT TONS IN HERKIMER. 90
 MIL PAX AND 38 VEH PRINCIPALLY TANK DESTROYERS IN LST 520. LOADED 7
 JAN 219 SHORT TONS IN DIDDO. 480 SHORT TONS IN HERKIMER. LOADED 8 JAN
 382 SHORT TONS IN DIDDO. 571 SHORT TONS IN HERKIMER. LOADED 9 JAN 45 SHORT
 TONS IN DIDDO. 285 SHORT TONS IN HERKIMER. TOTALS TO DATE NO CHANGE EXCEPT
 NEW TOTALS 14409 MIL PAX. 6595 VEH. 5671 SHORT TONS CARGO. 54 DEATHS
 114 BIRTHS. 194037 GRAND TOTAL PAX.

PART 2.

CHANGE IN TG 90.8 SHIPS. GEN HOWZE, ARLO OLSON AND LST 47 ENROUTE
 HAIPHONG. SWORD KNOW, CODDINGTON AND LST 17 STILL SAIGON. LST 520 ENROUTE
 SAIGON. LST 546 HAIPHONG.

PART 3.

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| TOO | TOTAL REFUGEES HAIPHONG TOB 1300 WITH 9575 READY TO GO. | | | | REFUGEE INFLUX | | |
| CHIEF MAAG | CH ARMY SEC | CH AF SEC | CH 1002002 | AMEMB | USMILAT | ALUSNA | USAIRA |
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AVERAGE 475 PER DAY. PLAN LOAD HOWZE 13 JAN. FRENCH NAVY HAS NO COASTAL PICKUPSHIPS OFF COAST AND NONE PLANNED FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

PART 4.

4 JAN REFUGEE LOAD ON HOWZE A MIXED GROUP. IN ADDITION USUAL VIETNAMESE FARMING FAMILIES LOAD INCLUDED, NUNGS, TRADE UNION MEMBERS AND MERCHANTS PRINCIPALLY CHINESE. WORKERS AND MERCHANTS DID NOT FEEL THEY WERE REQUIRED TO CLEAN OWN COMPARTMENTS. HAVE REQUESTED MAAC HAIPHONG TO ASK EVALUATION COMMITTEE TO INSURE FULL UNDERSTANDING ON PART OF ALL EVACUEES OF RESPONSIBILITY CLEAN OWN COMPARTMENT. THIS NECESSARY DUE TO LARGE NUMBER REFUGEES CARRIED.

PART 5. AMBASSADOR COLLINS TO ARR HAIPHONG 12 JAN. DEPT 13 JAN AFTER VISITING REFUGEE CAMPS AND OBSERVING LOADING FOR HOWZE. ORIGINATOR RETURNED HAIPHONG 9 JAN. PLANS SAIL BALDUCK BALE D ALONG 13 JAN TO GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO GUNSTONHALL ALSO TO REPLENISH FROM HOWZE ON ARRIVAL EVENING 11 JAN.

PART 6.

REPORTS RECEIVED SEVERE CLASHES BETWEEN VIETMINH TROOPS AND GROUP SEVERAL HUNDRED VIETNAMESE PEASANTS THANH HOA AREA PAST FEW DAYS. PEASANTS CONGREGATED IN AREA TO SEEK CONTROL COMMISSION ASSISTANCE IN TRAVELING TO HAIPHONG FOR EVACUATION. WHEN COMMISSION TEAM DID NOT ARRIVE PEASANTS DETERMINED TO ESCAPE TO HAIPHONG BY FORCE.

PART 7.

CARDINAL SPELLMAN VISITED HOWZE FROM 0915 TO 1130 8 JAN. HIS VISIT TO HOWZE WAS MOST SUCCESSFUL NOT ONLY FROM STANDPOINT OF REFUGEES MEETING AT CLOSE HAND BUT THE MORALE BOOST HIS WORDS GAVE TO THE CREW OF THE HOWZE.

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