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FROM USOM ACKLEY HAIPHONG TO USOM ADLER SAIGON.

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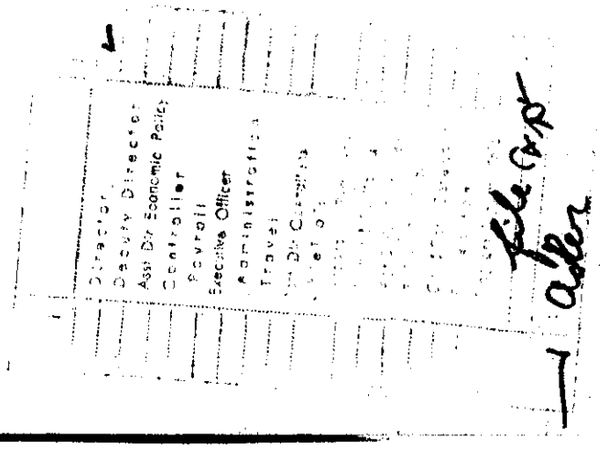
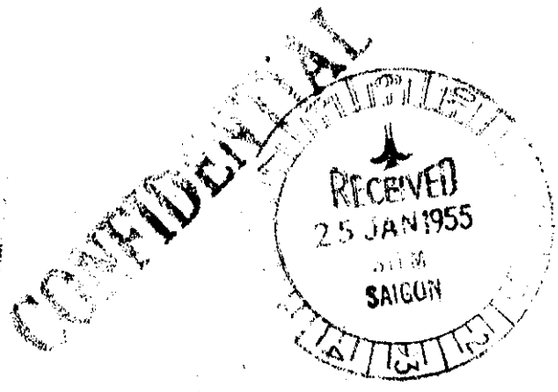
1. CEMENT PLANT TO CLOSE MARCH 30. EASILY SHIPPED SPARE PARTS ALREADY SENT SAIGON, BULKY SPARES REMAINING WILL BE ABANDONED. BARGES WILL BE SHIPPED AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED. PLANT HAS NOT BEEN REPAIRED FOR LAST 4 MONTHS. WILL CONTINUE WORKING THRU TET DUE FOULING UP OF EQUIPMENT MAKING NON OPERATIVE FOR 4 MONTHS IF WORK STOPS. ESTIMATE EARLIEST VM COULD PUT PLANT BACK IN PRODUCTION EARLY NEXT YEAR.

2. AM INSPECTING EARLY NEXT WEEK WITH VIEW TO DETERMINE DESIRABILITY PREEMTIVE PROCUREMENT ESSENTIAL PARTS. HAVE CONFIDENCE JUDGEMENT MGR IN EVALUATION CONDITION PLANT AND ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT. WILL NOT INDICATE DESIRE TO BUY ANYTHING-MERELY ENCOURAGE REMOVAL SHOULD SUCH BE INDICATED.