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FROM  CTG 90.8	CLASSIFICATION  <b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	PRECEDENCE  PRIORITY
ACTION ADDRESSEES  CINCPACFLT	INFO ADDRESSEES COMASPH FOR PACFLT COMAMPHORU 3 CHMAAG SAIGON COMSTSPACAREA COMSTS COMSTSW STPACAREA COMNAVPHIL  CNO COMNAVFE CTF 90	

SITREP 117 IN 6 PARTS X

PART 1 X LOADED 1 JAN X 176 SHORT TONS IN DIDDO X 168 SHORT TONS IN SWORD-KNOT X LOADED 2 JAN X 291 SHORT TONS IN DIDDO X 479 SHORT TONS IN SWORD-KNOT X 104 MIL PAX AND 59 VEH IN LST 546 X LOADED 3 JAN X 358 SHORT TONS IN DIDDO X 439 SHORT TONS IN SWORDKNOT X 47 MIL PAX AND 58 VEH IN LST 47 X LOADED 4 JAN X 317 SHORT TONS IN DIDDO X 419 SHORT TONS IN SWORDKNOT X 83 MIL PAX AND 52 VEH IN LST 176 X 4001 CIV PAX IN GEN HOWZE X TOTALS TO DATE X 14319 MIL X 179628 CIV PAX 6557 VEH X 52866 SHORT TONS CARGO X 53 DEATHS X 109 BIRTHS X GRAND TOTAL PAX 193947 X

PART 2 X CHANGE IN TASK GROUP 90.8 X GEN HOWZE, SWORDKNOT, LST 47 AND 176 ENROUTE SAIGON X LST 546 TOURANE X LST 520 HAIPHONG X CODINGTON SAIGON X

PART 3 X CODINGTON TOTAL CARGO 3139 SHORT TONS CEJENT PLUS 35 VEH FROM JAPAN CONSIGEND TO CHMAAG INDOCHINA X SWORDKNOT TOTAL CARGO 3175 SHORT TONS ASPHALT AND 1 BARGE X CTU 90.8.1 ADVISED BY FRENCH THAT CODINGTON LOADE WAS FINAL CEJENT TO BE PURCHASED BY FRENCH ARMY X HERBIER COMMENCED LOADING ASPHALT AFTERNOON 4 JAN X

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PLAN LOAD ASPHALT ON ARLO OLION ON ARRIVAL X WILL BE FINAL ASPHALT  
PURCHASED BY FRENCH ARMY X ORIGINATOR DEPARTED HAIPHONG 4 JAN FOR 4 DAY  
STAY IN SAIGON DURING VISIT CARDINAL SPELLMAN X  
PART 5 X TOTAL REFUGEES HAIPHONG X 8566 WITH ABOUT 1200 READY TO GO X  
ARRIVALS AVERAGE 500 PER DAY INCLUDING ABOUT 200 PER DAY FROM HON GAY-  
CAMPHAE PORT REGION X VINH PICKUP SHIP DISCUSSED PART 5 SITREP 114  
RETURNED HAIPHONG 2 JAN WITH NO REFUGEES ABOARD X FRENCH NAVY ASSIGNS  
INCREASED VIET MINH ACTIVITY AS REASON FOR PICKUP FAILURE X CONTROL  
COMMISSION MOBILE TEAMS REPORTEDLY CONTINUING OPERATIONS VIET MINH ZONE  
BUT WITHOUT VISIBLE RESULTS X  
PART 6 X PRESIDENT AND GENERAL SECRETARY OF VIETNAMESE CONFEDERATION  
OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS, LARGEST LABOR UNION IN VIETNAM, PRESENT IN HAI-  
PHONG PAST FEW DAYS X MEMBERS NUMBER 300,000 OF WHOM 11700 50000 IN  
TONKIN X THESE OFFICIALS ESTIMATE 25000 OF 117000/300000 MEMBERS WILL DESIRE  
MOVE SOUTH PRIOR MAY X WILL FORM LARGE PART OF PERMANENT RESIDENTS  
PRESENT PERIMETER WHO ARE EXPECTED EVACUEES X WORKERS ARE EMPLOYED ALL  
TYPES INDUSTRY X UNION PLANNING SPECIAL PROPAGANDA TREATMENT X ABOUT  
550 OF THIS GROUP LOADED ON HOWZE 4 JAN X <sup>VI</sup> MISTER TUYET, GENERAL SEC,  
STATES LARGE RECEPTION PLANNED FOR HOWZE ARRIVAL SAIGON WITH PREMIER DIEM,  
3000 UNION MEMBERS ON DOCK X UNION HAS EXTENDED INVITATION TO CARDINAL  
SPELLMAN X HAVE GIVEN PERMISSION TO STREAM PROPAGANDA BANNER AND FOR  
LEADERS OF UNION TO BOARD HOWZE AT CAP ST JACQUES X HOWZE DEPARTURE DE-  
LAYED ABOUT 2 HRS DUE FAILURE COORDINATION FRENCH AND VIETNAMESE EVAC  
LEADERS ON DECISION LOAD 5TH LCT WITH FINAL GROUP UNION MEMBERS X 5TH  
LCT FINALLY DEPARTED LOADING SITE 1500H WITH UNION MEMBERS ABOARD

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