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January 3, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD ALLEN

From: Henry A. Kissinger

Just a note to thank you for the memo from  
Jerry Friedheim concerning situation in  
Vietnam.

18 Dec 68

To: Henry Kissinger  
From: Dick Allen  
Re: Attached

DEC 19 1968

This man's information is nearly always reliable.  
Should this be followed up?  
Who should do it?

*LSB recommendation: ignore!*

*Thank Allen*

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9 Dec 68

TO: DICK ALLEN

FROM: JERRY FRIEDHEIM

SUBJECT: VIETNAM SITUATION CHECK NEEDED

Regard it urgent you, Kissinger and the new SecDef make early request for meeting with General Wheeler, Admiral McCain, and General Westmoreland.

Tell Wheeler you understand he is on the documented record in disagreement with the bomb-halt decision, that you want to see the document and have his candid view.

Tell McCain you understand there is a depth report on the current DMZ buildup which you must review and on which you want his candid view.

In lieu of meetings with these two it is possible to obtain these documents if the SecDef Designate will make a direct request to the action officer involved in the DoD documents section. We can provide this contact name if this less direct approach is necessary.

Point is that key military in Pentagon is on documented record as opposing the bomb halt unless allowed to wipe out any buildup that occurred north of DMZ. They did not get that assurance, and the buildup is going on. The military is going to confront RN with this situation early in the game, whitewash themselves of responsibility for the bomb-halt decision by using the dissenting documents, and the inevitable eventual leak of these papers to the press could place heavy pressures on RN to resume the bombing to save American lives.

In addition, we need to have the facts straight for history and you will need to know the true situation on buried bodies so you can operate effectively from the NSC.

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Mr. Jerry Friedheim  
Key Issues Committee  
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*no reply*

Dear Jerry:

In reference to your memo on the Defense Secretary position,  
good for you! I've put your comments in the rights hands and  
added my concurrence.

Warmly,

Bryce N. Harlow  
Assistant to the  
President-Elect

BNH:ph

27 Nov 68

TO: BRYCE HARLOW

FROM: FRIEDHEIM

SUBJECT: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

1. Should Sen. Jackson just possibly be under consideration for SecDef this one key thought must be kept in mind:

Jackson has some long expressed and very strong opinions about the limited value of the NSC in its Ike-form and about the need to keep the NSC structure small and advisory only with planning and operations coordination being a State Dept. responsibility.

2. Were Jackson to be at Defense there would have to be a very clear understanding between he and the White House on what and how NSC is to operate and full agreement between he and the President on the matter.

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