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1	Memo w/attach	Laird to Kissinger	7 Mar 1971	B
2	Memo w/attach	Laird to Kissinger	6 Mar 1971	B
3	Memo w/attach	Laird to Kissinger	5 Mar 1971	B
4	Memo w/attach	Laird to Kissinger	4 Mar 1971	B
5	Memo w/attach	Laird to Kissinger	26 Mar 1971	B
6	Memo w/attach	Laird to Kissinger	24 Mar 1971	B
7	Memo w/attach	Laird to Kissinger	3 Mar 1971	B

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 F. Release would disclose investigatory information compiled for law enforcement purposes.
 G. Withdrawn and return private and personal material.
 H. Withdrawn and returned non-historical material.

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8	Memo w/attach	Laird to Kissinger	2 Mar 1971	B
9	Memo w/attach	Laird to Kissinger	1 Mar 1971	B
10	Memo w/attach	Laird to Kissinger	28 Feb 1971	B
11	Memo w/attach	Laird to Kissinger	27 Feb 1971	B
12	Memo w/attach	Laird to Kissinger	26 Feb 1971	B
13	Telegram w/attach	REB519	1971 Feb 26	B
14	Telegram w/attach	Gen Abrams to Adm Moorer	'71 Feb 24	B

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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM GEN DAVISON IS RETRANSMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

QUOTE:

1. I MET WITH GENERAL MINH THIS AFTERNOON FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM VISITING TF'S 3, 5 AND 333/ AFTER A LONG CONVERSATION WITH HIM, I AM RENEWED IN MY JUDGMENT OF YESTERDAY THAT HE IS TAKING UP THE REINS OF COMMAND SMOOTHLY AND CONFIDENTLY. HE IS FOLLOWING THE PROJECTED PATTERN OF TRI'S OPERATIONAL PLAN. HE HAS DEVELOPED AN EXCELLENT GRASP OF THE ENEMY SITUATION AND, LIKE TRI, WILL ORIENT ON THE ENEMY UNITS.
2. IN TALKING TO HIS COMMANDERS, HE HAS EXPRESSED HIS FAITH IN THEIR ABILITIES AND HIS FEELING OF HONOR IN BECOMING THEIR LEADER. HIS RELATIONS WITH THE THREE DIVISION COMMANDERS ARE OBVIOUSLY EARNEST AND AMICABLE; THEY, IN TURN, SEEM DULY RESPECTFUL OF THE TASK FORCE COMMANDERS, DUONG (TF5) AND PHUC (TF 333) ARE OLD

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ASSOCIATES IN WHOM HE PLACES GREAT TRUST. KHOI (TF3) IS NEW TO HIM AND MINH IS, OF COURSE, AWARE THAT KHOI WAS A FAVORITE OF TRI'S BECAUSE OF HIS STERLING BATTLEFIELD PERFORMANCE IN CAMBODIA LAST YEAR. MINH REPORTED TO ME THAT HE ASSURED KHOI OF HIS RESPECT FOR TRI'S OPINION AND HIS PLEASURE IN HAING KHOI UNDER HIS COMMAND.

3. IN MINH'S VIEW THE SOLDIERS' MORALE IS DOWN A BIT DUE IN PART TO TRI'S DEATH AND IN PART TO LACK OF RECENT CONTACTS. HE RECOGNIZES THAT PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEM AND BELIEVES THAT HE CAN, BY HIS FIDELITY TO TRI'S POLICIES AND BY HIS PERSONAL EXAMPLE, SUCCESSFULLY RESTORE THE ESPRIT OF HIS TROOPS.

4. I AM IMPRESSED BY MINH'S DEPORTMENT UNDER THE EMOTIONAL STRESS OF TRI'S DEATH AND HIS ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND. FROM THE BEGINNING HE HAS ACTED LIKE A COMMANDER, CALM, CONFIDENT AND CONVINCING. HE HAS MADE THE RIGHT DECISIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, I SENSE THAT HE DERIVES SOME MEASURE OF SUSTENANCE FROM THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS WITH ME AND I SHALL STAY QUITE CLOSE TO HIM IN THE COMING WEEKS.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS.

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