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Friday, July 11, 1969

Mr. President:

Herewith the intelligence material which came in this morning. (Items U and V seem to have special significance).

Tab A. Short, summary items.

Tab B. Communist forces stepped up attacks in III and IV Corps areas. This may signal start of the enemy's July campaign. Thieu is considering a few cabinet changes to appease critics of Huong.

Tab C. South Vietnam's fragmented political forces continue to show little movement toward greater unity. Thieu is satisfied with progress of National Social Democratic Front, but it will be some time before the front can participate in running the government.

Tab D. Intercepted message indicates plan for enemy to "strike on the night of D-Day." Enemy timetable calls for guerrilla and local forces to maintain pressure from 2-14 July while Communist main forces get ready for action during the 15-21 July period. Viet Cong terrorist activity remained high in III Corps, despite over-all reduction in enemy activity there.

Tab E. Most Vietnamese not concerned over withdrawal U.S. troops, but some in delta areas are showing concern.

Tab F. Continuing indications of enemy attack preparations along the DMZ and in provinces north and west of Saigon. Morale problems in the ARVN over promotion system. Maj. Gen. Phong, chief of ARVN general staff, recently stated he is not optimistic about prospects for "Vietnamizing" the war. Weekly review of South Vietnam battle statistics.

Tab G. Xuan Thuy, official head of North Vietnamese delegation, returned to Paris last weekend after a month's stay in Hanoi. Le Duc Tho left Paris 9 July for Hanoi. His return could be connected with domestic or party matters rather than with Paris talks.

Tab H. An intercepted message may be indication of North Vietnam's projected troop deployments southward for next four months, at least into II and III Corps areas. It suggests infiltration will be resumed, although low.

Tab I. North Vietnam is bringing back some of its MIG-21 fighters aircraft currently based in Communist China.

Tab J. Communists are pressing Phnom Penh to renew its support for their effort in Vietnam.

Tab K. Nationalist officials have affirmed Taiwan's claim of successful minor naval raid against the mainland coast.

Tab L. Chiang Kai-shek is working to ensure that his son, Deputy Premier Chiang Ching-kuo, succeeds him.

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Tab M. Gromyko's speech to the Supreme Soviet on 10 July combined warnings to China with a conciliatory line toward the US and the West. Called for friendly relations between US and Soviet Union and indicated Moscow is ready for talks on strategic arms limitation. Reiterated idea of collective security system for Asia, which Brezhnev broached in June.

Tab N. Leaders in Eastern and Western Europe are speculating about effect of Pres. Nixon's trip to Romania will have on US-Soviet relations.

Tab O. Soviet leaders apparently have postponed trip to Romania in reaction to Pres. Nixon's trip.

Tab P. Bonn is again attempting to interest Soviets in bilateral political talks.

Tab Q. Soviet warships scheduled visit Cuba 20-26 July, cor "Cuban holiday observances on 26 July."

Tab R. Soviet unmanned moon space launch on 3 July exploded on launch pad.

Tab S. Indications are Soviets will attempt another unmanned lunar space launch soon.

Tab T. Satellite photography of early June revealed what appeared to be components of the SA-4 mobile surface-to-air missile system at an installation near Tomichi, 40 miles from the Sino-Soviet border.

→ Tab U. The Soviet SA-5 long-range SAM system deployment program.

Tab V. Possible SS-11 ICBM silos deployment at Soviet IRBM Complex.

Tab W. Grain production in USSR is expected to be below production of 1968 but somewhat above average level of output achieved in 1965-68. Out look for spring grains is relatively favorable in most areas.

Tab X. Rumors circulating Eastern Europe are that Warsaw Pact exercise in mid-August will bring 32-40 divisions to borders of West Germany, Austria and Yugoslavia, which would put them near Romania.

Tab Y. Some NATO countries concerned that US-Soviet strategic arms limitations talks could lead to deterioration of security of Western Europe.

Tab Z. Israelis are continuing their military buildup in Southern Sinai.

Tab AA. Israeli Air Force now pursuing new aggressive tactics. Downed 9 Egyptian and 7 Syrian MIG-21s in last two weeks.

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Tab BB. Faisal pessimistic about settlement of Middle East.

Tab CC. General Ovando, armed forces commander, may move to oust President Siles, Bolivia.

Tab DD. National Guard Commander Torrijos apparently intends to assume the presidency of Panama and possibly renege on elections promised for 1970.

Tab EE. The junta in Panama may soon press US to resume canal treaty negotiations.

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