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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

October 16, 1970

FROM: John Holdridge and Richard T. Kennedy

SUBJECT: Admiral Moorer's Report on Operation TAIL WIND

Admiral Moorer has sent you a report on Operation TAIL WIND (Tab A). The operation was a reconnaissance in force to collect intelligence information in Southern Laos and took place 11-14 September 1970. It also served as a diversionary action

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Three exploitation platoons with a total of 16 U.S. and 120 indigenous personnel were inserted into the operational area by helicopter and maintained contact with the enemy for 72 hours. Friendly losses were 3 indigenous killed and 17 U.S. and 33 indigenous wounded (only 5 required hospitalization. Three helos were lost. They relied heavily on close air support. Results were excellent:

- 432 enemy killed and wounded, of which 144 were killed in ground action.
- Substantial quantities of enemy ammunition were destroyed.
- A large volume of documents representing high intelligence value on the enemy transportation group in the area captured.

The operation achieved its objectives and it is representative of one of the most effective means for obtaining enemy intelligence in Southern Laos as well as of diverting NVA troops and service forces from the enemy LOC.

Attachment

*Write note to  
Moorer congratulating  
him  
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