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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

South Vietnam

Late last night the airfield at the special forces complex at Dak To was brought under mortar fire. No damage was reported and there were no casualties.

About 29 miles south of Da Nang a US Army company received heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire. Another Army company reinforced and both units were supported by armed helicopters. After 5 hours the enemy broke contact leaving behind 4 killed. US casualties were 7 killed and 13 wounded.

In Operation Barking Sands, a US Army company made contact with an enemy unit of unknown size, 18 miles northwest of Saigon. Another company moving to reinforce was also hit by an enemy unit. Tactical air, artillery and armed helicopters were called in to support the two companies. After 9 hours the enemy broke contact with both US units. Fourteen US were killed and 13 were wounded. Enemy losses were 6 killed.

The base camp of the US 25th Infantry Division, at Cu Chi, 12 miles northwest of Saigon, was mortared late last evening. US forces reacted with counter-mortar fire and armed helicopters. The mortar attack lasted about half an hour. US losses were 4 killed and 25 wounded. One truck was destroyed and 7 helicopters and 20 buildings received light damage.

Casualties in South Vietnam during the week 5-11 November

	<u>killed</u>	<u>wounded</u>	<u>captured/missing</u>
enemy	1,802	2,703	- -
South Vietnam	279	810	91
US	174	759	- -

North Vietnam

US Naval aircraft struck the Haiphong Shipyard number 2 located 2 miles north-northwest of Haiphong. There is no report on damage.

A Marine A6A struck the Son Dong Barracks, 23 miles west of Hanoi. Two secondary explosions were reported.

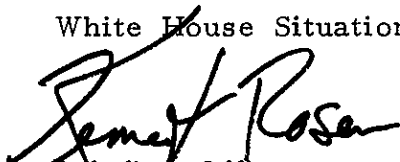
All other strikes against major targets in the extreme northern portion of North Vietnam were cancelled because of poor weather.

A Navy F-4 was reported down about 28 miles south of Haiphong. Cause is unknown. Although two chutes were sighted no search and rescue was attempted because of the location.

Cyprus

The cease fire in Cyprus is continuing. The US Defense Attache in Nicosia reports that Greek Cypriot forces have withdrawn from the areas they occupied when the fighting stopped.

White House Situation Room


Briefing Officer

Casualties in Vietnam during the past 24 hours-5:30 AM November 16

	<u>killed</u>	<u>wounded</u>
US	25	51
enemy	10	

Late Item

The Navy F-4 was shot down by a surface to air missile. Both crewmen were captured. The two men waved off attempts to rescue them because of the proximity of enemy troops.