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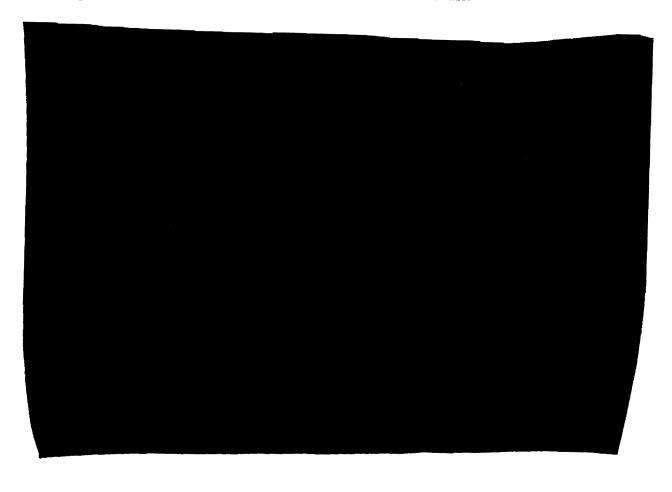
THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT:

Situation in Vietnam

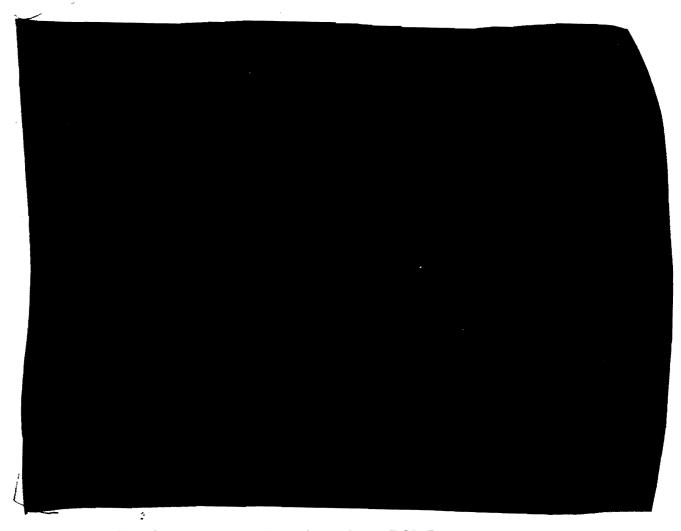


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Enemy Urged to Capture More American POWS

An interrogation report of a recent NVA rallier reveals that the enemy has ordered main force and local units to capture as many American military personnel as possible and to ensure that they are safely delivered to rear areas. Heavy rewards reportedly have been offered. Units were instructed to provide needed medical care and to ensure that the POWS received proper treatment.

Comment: This is consistent with other reports that enemy troops have been ordered to capture as many U.S. prisoners as possible in order to increase Communist bargaining leverage in negotiations with the U.S.

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