



THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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Subject: B-52 Strike in Northern Laos ~~(TS)~~

1. ~~(TS)~~ Ambassador Godley has requested a B-52 strike along the northeastern edge of the Plaine Des Jarres (PDJ) along Route 71. The proposed target area has been identified as a major logistical complex which will be used to support the new enemy units now moving west toward the PDJ. All source intelligence has revealed a significant increase in enemy activity in the target area and many new bunkers and supplies not previously observed have been noted. The target box is validated for strike immediately and the ARC LIGHT strike is requested during the hours of darkness at the earliest possible date. COMUSMACV with CINCPAC concurrence has proposed striking the target with three B-52 aircraft at 0740 hours Washington time on 11 December 1971.

2. ~~(TS)~~ Defense Intelligence Agency confirms the presence of enemy activity in the immediate area of the proposed target box.

3. ~~(TS)~~ I recommend approval of this strike.

(Sgtd) T. H. MOORER

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Chairman

Joint Chiefs of Staff

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E.O. 12958, as amended, Sect 3.5

NLN 09-09/SD per 3.3(b)(1) HR. 11/30/2009

By WLH NARA, Date: 6/4/2010

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