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WASHINGTON

April 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH
FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M.F.*
SUBJECT: Congressional Contacts on the
Phnom Penh Evacuation, April 11, 1975

Attached please find reports on this office's contacts with
Senators and Congressmen on Friday evening, April 11.

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CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP
CONTACTS - PHNOM PENH
EVACUATION
4/11/75

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM: WILLIAM T. KENDALL *WTK*

SUBJECT: Notification of Senators - Evacuation of Phnom Pehn

<u>Senator</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place Reached</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Case	7:25 p.m. <i>4-11-75</i>	Congressional Office	Asked if this was just "in and out." Said O.K.
Mansfield	7:35 p.m. <i>4-11-75</i>	D. C. home	"Get 'em out. Why the air cover? Is Dean (Ambassador) coming out? Bill, there's a lot of worry on the Hill about the Americans in Saigon. Get them out too. Give me a report tomorrow."
Scott	7:45 p.m. <i>4-11-75</i>	D. C. home	Approved operation. Thinks it is only thing to do now. Not concerned about air cover. Told me of telegram from two staff members of Foreign Relations Committee saying evacuation of Saigon may not be possible even with use of force. I'll get copy of telegram on Monday.

Sparkman

8:30 p.m.

4-11-75

D. C. home

Pleased to hear that it is taking place. Asked how many Americans were left. Told me to let President know he watched speech on TV and that it was best he ever heard - anywhere. Thought his review of world situation excellent. Great delivery.

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April 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

PATRICK E. O'DONNELL

SUBJECT:

Supplement to Notification of Senators -
Evacuation of Phnom Pehn

<u>Senator</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place Reached</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Byrd (Robert)	8:30 p.m. 4/11/75	Home	Asked numerous questions on details of evacuation, including ratio of Cambodians and Americans, where they were being taken, relationship of this effort to Saigon evacuation, etc. etc. As you are aware, Senator Byrd has come out publicly against American evacuation of Cambodians or other foreign nationals.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH
THROUGH: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M.F.*
FROM: BOB WOLTHUIS *RKW*
SUBJECT: Notifications of Senators Regarding Evacuation
of Phnom Penh, Cambodia Friday, April ~~12~~ 11.

As per your assignment I contacted Senator John Stennis, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Senator Strom Thurmond, ranking Minority member of said committee. The essentials of the contact are as follows:

Senator Stennis Contacted at 9:55 P.M. at Home

Comment: I hope all goes well. I'll let you do what is right. Thanks for calling.

Senator Thurmond : Contacted at 7:40 P.M. at Walter Reed Army Hosp

Comment: OK. Take out as many Cambodians as you can. I feel very badly they will have to die that way. How many aircraft? Where going?

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M.F.*

SUBJECT:

Evacuation of Phnom Pehn *Report*
Congressional Notifications *Action*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Speaker Carl Albert

<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u> <u>REACHED</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
4/11/75 7:32 pm	D.C. home	"All right. Thank you, Max."
4/11/75 7:40 p.m.	D.C. home	"If you do it, I guess you have to. I hope everything goes all right."

John J. Rhodes

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM: PATRICK E. O'DONNELL *POH*

SUBJECT: Notification of Senators - Evacuation of Phnom Pehn

<u>Senator</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place Reached</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Eastland	7:35 p.m. <i>4-11-75</i>	Home	I support and wish them God speed.
Griffin	7:36 p.m. <i>4-11-75</i>	Home	Thank you for the notification. I will, of course, honor the security restrictions. Quite concerned over the reaction this might cause in VN.

Byrd (Robert)
(on road - his wife
will have him call
me as soon as she
hears from him)

JOHN MC FALL

Date: April 11, 1975

Time: 8:15 p. m.

Place: At home locally

Contact: Vern Loen spoke with Member personally

Comment: Very little reaction to notice of Phnon Penh evacuation. Immediately moved into a lengthy discussion on tactics for getting some military aid into South Vietnam in keeping with the President's request.

Pointed out that the Speaker, Senator Mansfield and the rest of the Democratic Leadership will meet on Monday morning to discuss strategy. McFall will be absent at that time.

Feels the most we can get is the \$300 M already authorized. Says Mahon does not want to move without an authorization for fear of Caucus reaction. Says a Floor amendment for the \$300 M should be offered to a supplemental authorization bill coming up Tuesday, April 15. Jack Kemp has expressed interest in such a tactic in the past.

Wants to know how serious the Administration is about its request for \$722 M in military aid. Hoped Jack Marsh would call him at his office on Saturday morning, April 12. If really serious for the full amount, it would require activating George Meany. Feels there should be a Floor vote on this issue.

BOB WILSON

Date: April 11, 1975

Time: 8:12 p. m.

Place: Ford's Theater

Contact: Vern Loen spoke with Member personally

Comment: Glum news - not unexpected. Appreciate your notifying me in advance. (No questions).

WILLIAM BROOMFIELD

Date: April 11, 1975
Time: 8:43 p. m.
Place: At home, Washington, D. C.
Contact: Charles Leppert spoke with Member personally
Comment: No Comment. "It's ok."

BOB MICHEL

Date: April 11, 1975

Time: 10:18 p. m.

Place: At home, Washington, D. C.

Contact: Charles Leppert spoke with Member personally

Comments: Did you say they were going to use helicopters? Yes. How many people are we talking about, at the last count I heard it was around 400? Approximately 150 Americans and 450 Cambodians and third country nationals. When is this going to take place, in the next day or so? It is expected to be within a few hours. If you have anything further, I'll be in the office tomorrow morning, so give me a call.

DR. THOMAS MORGAN

Date: April 11, 1975

Time: 8:30 p. m.

Place: Fredericktown, Pennsylvania

Contact: Not available. White House Operator left word to call back.

Comments: None

TIP O'NEILL

Date: April 11, 1975

Time: 8:19 p. m.

Place: Mass.

Contact: Doug Bennett spoke with Member personally

Comment: Only Americans to be evacuated? No. Thought there were only 50 Americans, Henry told us that the other day. He was probably referring to the Embassy staff but there will be other U. S. nationals, therefore, more Americans (Doug told him). There were no other questions and he thanked Doug.

MEL PRICE

Date: April 11, 1975

Time: 8:05 p. m.

Place: Chicago, Ill.

Contact: Doug Bennett spoke with Member personally

Comment: I expected this - fine - thank you.
(he had no questions)