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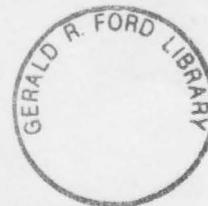
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Handed to Gen. Scowcroft<sup>46</sup>  
by Han Han 9<sup>30</sup> am,  
Fri, 11/16/73. 2

An agreement had been reached between the Chinese and U.S. sides on the discussions concerning the Korean question at this year's UN General Assembly. But in view of the fact that that Sino-U.S. agreement was leaked out and the Soviet Union engaged in trouble-making, the Chinese side and the Korean side encountered difficulties in trying to persuade the sponsor countries of the resolution, therefore the discussion on the Korean question in the First Committee could not but begin as scheduled on November 14. It is estimated that the Soviet side may further insist that the UN General Assembly also discuss this question and that the resolutions of the two sides be put to a vote. The Korean and Chinese sides must be prepared for such an eventuality and it is hoped that the U.S. side would understand this and that the Chinese and U.S. sides will hold consultations when the time comes.



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1975

Handed to Han Han by Gen. Scowcroft  
at brief meeting, 3:00 p.m., Nov 26, 1973

I. With reference to the conversation between Prime Minister Chou and Secretary Kissinger regarding the prospects in Vietnam, the U.S. side would like to bring to the attention of the Chinese side the following information:

A. The United States Government is deeply concerned over what it sees as unmistakable signs of North Vietnamese preparations to resume armed conflict on a large scale in South Vietnam. The United States side regards the present situation with the utmost seriousness, and cannot stand idly by if North Vietnam continues its present activities.

B. The following evidence has convinced the United States side that North Vietnam is in fact preparing to launch a major offensive. (On each point below, the evidence is strong and is fully accepted by the U.S. side.)

(1) The North Vietnamese have sent more than 22,000 military personnel south since 1 September of this year to strengthen their armed forces in South Vietnam and adjacent border areas. Since 1 January 1973 they have sent a total of over 75,000 troops to the south.

(2) The U.S. side has been reliably informed that the North Vietnamese are planning to send almost an equal number of additional troops into various parts of South



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Vietnam during the 1973-1974 dry season -- starting in December 1973. The U.S. side can see no reason why the DRV would plan to dispatch these additional troops to South Vietnam, in complete violation of the Paris Agreement and Protocols, except to assemble the manpower and reserves necessary to launch a major military offensive.

(3) The North Vietnamese have moved into South Vietnam and adjacent border areas enough stocks of munitions and military equipment to sustain heavy combat activity for at least eight months. (Some of these stock-piles were already in position when the Paris Agreement was signed last January, but they have been greatly expanded since that time.) They are now preparing -- as the weather improves in southern Laos -- to bring still more munitions and military equipment into South Vietnam.

(4) As of mid-November, North Vietnamese Army units in all of southern Laos were preparing to move large quantities of war materiel further south. Such activity, as well as the very presence of North Vietnamese military units in Laos, is a clear violation of the Paris Agreement.



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(5) The North Vietnamese have augmented their logistic forces in northern South Vietnam by some 15,000 men in recent months. They would not need these logistic forces unless they planned to expand the support to their combat units in this area.

(6) The North Vietnamese are making major improvements on roads in southern Laos, and have nearly completed a parallel road from North Vietnam through western South Vietnam from the DMZ to South Vietnam's Military Region 3. These two road nets have no discernible civilian purpose but they obviously make it much easier for the North Vietnamese to prepare for and support an offensive than was previously the case.

(7) The measures which the North Vietnamese are now taking can be compared with those they took in the months prior to March 1972, when they launched their last offensive. The military capabilities of the DRV in the south are now at least as great as they were at the end of March 1972, and in some areas they are greater. The South Vietnamese government since that time has also improved its capabilities, and would be in a better



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position to withstand a North Vietnamese offensive without U. S. air support. Under a heavy North Vietnamese attack, however, U. S. air support might again prove necessary.

(8) It is impossible to interpret this North Vietnamese buildup as prudential, as a response to South Vietnamese provocations, or indeed as anything but preparation for major North Vietnamese offensive action.

(9) Finally, through its intelligence services, the U. S. side has received several very specific reports that the North Vietnamese and the so-called "Provisional Revolutionary Government" plan to begin a major offensive within the next few months.

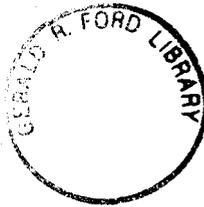
C. In addition to the evidence above, the U. S. side in recent months received repeated reports that new artillery pieces, tanks and other armored vehicles have been observed at various points inside North Vietnam along the major rail lines from China. These reports are of great concern because if true they would indicate that North Vietnam is receiving additional military equipment from China and the Soviet Union.

2. These unmistakable signs that the DRV is planning a military offensive in South Vietnam cannot be ignored by the U. S. side. Such a

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development would raise problems of another diversion of attention which could only be of value to hegemonial powers. Under these circumstances, the U.S. side sincerely hopes that means can be found to avert a development which would have such adverse consequences.



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January 17, 1974

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Attached is the text of the Israeli/Egyptian agreement on disengagement of forces which will be signed at 12:00 noon Cairo time on Friday, January 18 (6:00 a.m. Washington time).

Until the time of signing tomorrow, the text should, of course, be very closely held.

Sincerely,

Brent Scowcroft  
Major General, USAF  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

His Excellency  
Han Hsu  
Liaison Office of the  
People's Republic of China  
2300 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.



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January 22, 1974

To : The Secretary

From: EA - Arthur W. Hummel, Jr. *AH*

Paracels -- Informing the PRC

Last night two Flash messages from Saigon (attached) told us that the GVN was about to mount an air-sea rescue operation to search for survivors of a GVN Navy ship that was last reported about 70 miles West of the Paracels. The GVN asked us to pass an appropriate notification to the PRC to emphasize the humanitarian nature of the GVN operations.

At about 3:00 a.m., after consultation with Win Lord, General Scowcroft, and others, I authorized the attached Flash message to USLO Peking, telling them to inform the PRC.

Peking's reply, saying that they did pass the message, is also attached.

Attachments:

Saigon 1000  
Saigon 1006  
State 13552  
Peking 145



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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECTS: PARACELS

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THIS MORNING FROM THE PALACE, FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND FROM GENERAL VIEN, CHIEF OF THE JCS, THAT THE GVN FEELS COMPELLED TO LAUNCH AN AIR/SEA RESCUE OPERATION FOR POSSIBLE SURVIVORS IN THE WATERS BETWEEN THE PARACELS AND SOUTH VIET-NAM. THEY WILL CONDUCT THIS SEARCH WITHIN A PARALLELOGRAM BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:

- A. 15 DEGREES 30 MINUTES AND 28 SECONDS NORTH AND 126 DEGREES 00 MINUTES AND 18 SECONDS EAST.
- B. 14 DEGREES 50 MINUTES AND 30 SECONDS NORTH AND 110 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST.
- C. 15 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 36 SECONDS NORTH AND 111 DEGREES 10 MINUTES AND 00 SECONDS EAST.
- D. 16 DEGREES 00 MINUTES AND 00 SECONDS NORTH AND 110 DEGREES 40 MINUTES AND 40 SECONDS EAST.

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THE RESCUE TEAM WILL CONSIST OF HQ 8 (PCE), TWO WATER PATROL BOATS (XPBS), AND ONE C-119 AIRCRAFT.

2. THEY ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH FATE OF CREW OF HQ 18 WHICH, WHEN LAST SEEN, WAS OUT OF CONTROL SOMEWHERE NEAR MONEY ISLAND. NORMAL OCEAN CURRENTS WOULD HAVE DRIFTED THIS SHIP, OR IF SHIP SUNK, ITS SURVIVORS SOME 70 MILES SW TO THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE COORDINATES LISTED ABOVE.

3. GVN FOMMIN WILL ISSUE PUBLIC STATEMENT THIS AFTERNOON DESCRIBING NATURE AND PURPOSE OF MISSION, LISTING THE COORDINATES, IN THE HOPE THIS WILL BE PICKED UP BY PEKING.

4. THEY ARE INSTRUCTING THEIR MISSION IN GENEVA TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY ICRC OF FOREGOING AND REQUEST ICRC TO NOTIFY PEKING OF NATURE AND EXTENT OF OPERATION.

5. GVN HAS ALSO REQUESTED USG TO "UTILIZE ITS DIRECT COMMUNICATION FACILITIES" TO PEKING IN ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY EFFORT TO INSURE PEKING'S AWARENESS OF WHOLLY HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF OPERATION.

6. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH EITHER THROUGH PRC LIAISON MISSION IN WASHINGTON OR USLO PEKING TO REQUEST PRC TO NOTIFY ITS MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF ABOVE. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO INSTRUCT US MISSION GENEVA TO FACILITATE CONTACT BETWEEN GVN MISSION AND ICRC.

7. WE WILL FORWARD TEXT OF GVN FOREIGN OFFICE STATEMENT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

8. REQUEST WE BE ADVISED WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, IS TAKEN BY DEPARTMENT.

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE JUST ISSUED BY GVN  
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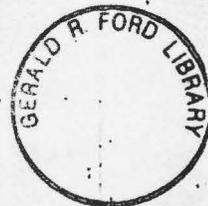
QTE: THE SPOKESMAN OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES:

THE VIETNAMESE MILITARY COMMAND IS MOUNTING AN EMERGENCY  
RESCUE OPERATION TO RESCUE SURVIVORS OF PATROL ESCORT SHIP  
HQ-10 REPORTED MISSING ON JANUARY 19, 1974, CONSECUTIVE TO  
ENGAGEMENTS WITH COMMUNIST CHINESE NAVAL FORCES THE  
AREA OF THE HOANG SA (PARACELS) ARCHIPELAGO.

ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS, THE CRIPPLED HQ-10 IS STILL  
ON HIGH SEA, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE HOANG SA ARCHIPELAGO AND  
DA NANG.

THE ABOVE RESCUE OPERATION SERVES NO MILITARY PURPOSE  
AND IS UNIQUELY AIMED AT SAVING HUMAN LIVES. IT WILL BE CARRIED

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OUT BY TWO UNITS OF THE VIETNAMESE NAVY AND ONE SPOTTER PLANE, IN A QUADRANGLE DELIMITED BY COORDINATES A (15 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES, 28 SECONDS NORTH - 110 DEGREES, 00 MINUTES, 18 SECONDS EAST), B (14 DEGREES, 50 MINUTES, 30 SECONDS NORTH - 110 DEGREES, 40 MINUTES, 27 SECONDS EAST), C (15 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES, 36 SECONDS NORTH - 111 DEGREES, 10 MINUTES, 00 SECONDS EAST) AND D (16 DEGREES, 00 MINUTES, 00 SECONDS NORTH - 110 DEGREES, 40 MINUTES, 48 SECONDS EAST).

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USLO SHOULD IMMEDIATELY PASS INFORMATION ON GVN AIR/SEA  
RESCUE OPERATION TO MFA STATING THAT WE ARE DOING SO AT  
GVN REQUEST AND AS A HUMANITARIAN MOVE. WE LEAVE TO YOUR  
DISCRETION WHETHER TO SUGGEST THAT MFA NOTIFY APPROPRIATE  
CHINESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES. KISSINGER!

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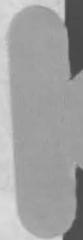
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1. USLO OFFICER CALLED AT MFA 1630 LOCAL JANUARY 22 AND CONVEYED INFORMATION REF B TO CHENG CHI-HUNG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OFFICE OF UNITED STATES AFFAIRS. FOLLOWING ORAL PRESENTATION HE HANDED CHENG NOTE TRANSMITTING GVN FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS RELEASE WITH EXPLANATION THAT WE TAKING THIS ACTION AT GVN REQUEST AND FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS.

2. CHENG STATED THAT POSITION OF PRC ON DISPUTE IN HOAHSIA ISLANDS MADE CLEAR BY FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT OF JANUARY 20, AND ON JANUARY 22 PRC SPOKESMAN HAD STATED PRC POSITION ON QUESTION OF DISPUTED ISLANDS. SHE SAID SHE WOULD ACCEPT THE NOTE "FOR THE TIME BEING" BUT RESERVED THE RIGHT TO REJECT IT OR COMMENT ON IT LATER.

3. COMMENT: ATMOSPHERE WAS RELAXED. CHENG'S STATEMENT IS STANDARD PRC PRACTICE IN SUCH CASES.  
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1. HAN HSU AND CHI CH'AO-CHU CAME IN MORNING OF JAN 25,  
SAW WINSTON LORD AND HUMMEL. THEY DELIVERED RATHER  
STIFF MESSAGE SAYING:

--THE HSI SHA'S HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CHINESE TERRITORY:

--THE LANDING THERE OF THE AMERICAN WAS AN ENCROACHMENT  
OF CHINESE TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY, AND IT IS ALL THE MORE  
SURPRISING THAT HE SHOULD HAVE GONE THERE AT THAT TIME  
WITH SVN TROOPS.

--THE AMERICAN WAS CAPTURED BY PRC FORCES.

--PRISONERS WILL BE REPATRIATED AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME,  
AND QUOTE REGARDING THE AMERICAN WE WILL CONSIDER AND  
DEAL WITH HIM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CAPTURED SVN  
PERSONNEL. UNQUOTE

2. THEY AGREED TO INQUIRE OF PEKING ABOUT THE WELFARE OF  
THE AMERICAN.

3. REGARDING THE US DESIRE TO STATE PUBLICLY THAT THE USG  
HAS APPROACHED THE PRC ABOUT THE AMERICAN, HAN SAID

QUOTE THE CHINESE SIDE DOES NOT CONCERN ITSELF AS TO  
WHAT THE US SIDE RELEASES TO THE PUBLIC, BUT IF IT DOES  
MAKE A RELEASE IT IS HOPED THAT THE US SIDE WILL NOT  
DISTORT THE FACTS, WHICH WOULD COMPEL THE CHINESE SIDE  
TO MAKE A RESPONSE UNQUOTE. HAN HSU THEN REFERRED TO THE  
UNDERSTANDING (PARA 2, STATE 105390) THAT THE USG WOULD  
MAKE NO STATEMENT BEFORE FRIDAY MORNING AND HANDED OVER  
A CLIPPING OF NYT GWERTZMAN STORY (BASED ON A LEAK)



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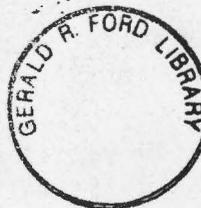
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THAT THE US HAD APPROACHED PRC. WE SUBSEQUENTLY EXPRESSED REGRET ABOUT THE LEAK.

4. WE LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THIS AND OTHER EVENTS IN RECENT MONTHS WHILE AMB. BRUCE IS IN WASHINGTON.

5. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN DEPT SPOKESMAN STATEMENT JAN 25. WE PLAN NO FURTHER PUBLIC STATEMENTS AT THIS TIME. RUSH  
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Handed to Gen Scowcroft  
by Han Han 3<sup>00</sup> pm, 3/28/74.

The Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) is planning to fly a Boeing 707 special plane on April 6, 1974 from Peking to New York with a Chinese Government delegation on board that will attend the special session of the U.N. General Assembly. Out of consideration for the safety of the flight, the CAAC would like to make technical trial flights in advance by both the eastern and the western air route.

1. Eastern air route: The plane is scheduled to fly from Tokyo to New York on March 30, with a stopover in Anchorage, Alaska for refuelling.

2. Western air route: The plane is scheduled to fly directly from Paris to New York on April 2.

It is hoped that the U.S. side would provide the following facilities:

1. Grant permission to the Chinese trial-flight planes to enter into and exit from the United States and give consent to the Chinese special plane to fly from Peking to New York on April 6 (Concrete air route and flight schedule will be provided to the U.S. side later).

2. Ask Pan-Am or TWA to send a navigator who will in Alaska board the Chinese plane flying by the eastern air route to help navigate the Chinese trial-flight plane from Alaska to New York.

3. Inform the U.S. Liaison Office in the People's Republic of China to issue visas to the Chinese crew of the planes for the two trial flights. If the U.S. side is unable to inform its Liaison Office in China by March 30 to handle the matter, then kindly inform separately the U.S. Embassies in Japan and France to issue the visas.

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BY HR, NARA, DATE 6/30/08



Flight Data

Peking ----- Tokyo ----- New York

1. The Airplane

Type: Boeing 707 - 320

Number: 2420

Radio Call Sign: 2420

Reserve Plane Number: 2412

Radio Call Sign: 2412

Identity of the Plane: The body of the plane is in silver-white, painted with the national flag of the People's Republic of China, " 中国民航 " ( C A A C ) and the plane number

Name of the Captain: Liu Chung-fu

The Crew: Total of 20 persons

2. Date, Route and Time of the Flight ( all in GMT )

March 30	0100	Leave Peking
	0230	Land in Shanghai
	0400	Leave Shanghai
	0630	Land in Tokyo
	0800	Leave Tokyo and follow the international route NOPAC - 1
	0945	Fly over 46° 40' N, 160° E
	1105	Fly over Shemya
	1440	Land in Anchorage for refueling

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	1610	Leave Anchorage and take the fixed route J - 111 and HL - 501
	1835	Fly over Seattle and then take the fixed route J - 70
	2320	Arrive in New York
April 1	0900	Leave New York
	1725	Land in Anchorage
	1855	Leave Anchorage
April 2	0230	Land in Tokyo
	0400	Leave Tokyo
	0825	Arrive in Peking



Flight Data

Peking ---- Paris ---- New York

1. The Airplane

Type: Boeing 707 - 320

Number: 2418

Radio Call Sign: 2418

Reserve Plane Number: 2404

Radio Call Sign: 2404

Identity of the Plane: The body of the plane is in silver-white,  
painted with the national flag of the  
People's Republic of China, " 中国民  
航 " ( C A A C ) and the plane number

Name of the Captain: Chu Yen-shao

The Crew: Total of 18 persons

2. Date, Route and Time of the Flight ( all in GMT )

April 2 0800 hours Leave Paris

Fly over 51°16'8" N, 7°29'9" W; Cork;  
52° N, 15° W; 49°N, 50° W; Ramea; Sydney;  
Yarmouth; Nantucket

1550 Arrive in New York (JFK Airport)

April 3 1440 Leave New York

Take the same route as before

2140 Arrive in Paris

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The U.S. side is requested kindly to provide the following assistance:

1. Provide the material concerning the Anchorage and New York airports, route material for Alaska - New York and Paris - New York as well as materials concerning the airport communication facilities and navigation.
2. Provide the airports in Shemya, Seattle, Washington, D.C., and Boston for purposes of emergency landing and supply the materials concerning those airports.
3. Provide starter equipment and ground services and sufficient quantities of qualified and tested aviation fuel oil for the Chinese Boeings.
4. Give timely flight control and weather data to the Chinese planes while flying to and from the United States.
5. Assist in guaranteeing the safety and security of the Chinese planes during the time of their flights-over and stay in the United States.



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