MR. PRESIDENT:

Bob Komer called for a general chat. He reports as follows:

1. In general, his sense of confidence is increasing daily; and it is shared by Westy and Ambassador Bunker.

2. Specifically, the Viet Cong recruitment figure is now estimated at no more than 2,500 per month; it is difficult to find evidence of large-scale infiltration; and this view is beginning to be shared by the chief Intelligence Officer, General Davidson.

3. He has just returned from a visit to the delta where the chief U. S. Intelligence Officer -- notably conservative -- feels "extremely encouraged."

4. They are apparently massing for another offensive north of the DMZ. It is difficult to acquire precise bombing targets; but there is no reason to believe that Westy cannot handle whatever turns up.

5. As seen from Saigon, we are making progress against the "stalemate" argument. He will work hard on the men coming out for the election, including Rowly Evans, Joe Kraft, the CBS crew, and John Scali. He hopes to send them back with a sense that progress is being made in Viet Nam.

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