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Nixon handwritten message on January 3, 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT (Information items on Laos and DaNang Air Base)

Nixon handwritten: "K. We have had 10 years of total

(underlined) control of the air in Laos and V.Nam.

The result=Zilch. There is something wrong with the strategy or the Air Force. I want a 'bark-off' study - no snow job - on my desk in 2 weeks as to what the reason for the failure is.

Otherwise continued air operations make no sense in Cambodia, Laos etc. after we complete withdrawal - Shake them up!!"