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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Major General John Wickham, Jr., USA
Military Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: JCS Assessment of Cambodia

I appreciate your forwarding the recent JCS assessment of the situation in Cambodia, and have passed it to Secretary Kissinger for his review.

In the condition of stalemate now being experienced it may be assumed that the GKR and GRUNK will continue their political and military struggle to alter the existing balance. With regard to the military balance, it would appear that the GKR is particularly vulnerable in its ability to maintain secure LOCs. Although the GKR has maintained a sufficient flow of goods to sustain the population and to carry on the necessary operations, to date, the outlook is uncertain. In view of the relatively small enemy investment required for a successful interdiction program -- particularly on the Mekong River, it would appear useful to examine the threat posed by a concentrated KC effort to interdict Cambodian LOCs and to explore alternative U.S. responses to such an effort.

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