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EB 5 - Introduction

Difficult situation - need all help
national prestige

VP - Observations

~~to Asia~~

Bunker - went to - he's talker
20 months ago - Feb. 1966 last time
U.S. Team has confidence of

Vietnamese + allied reps.
Talked to Thieu + Ky on their
relationships to each other
+ to legislature

Thieu inaugural was his - not ghost
Candidly said that progress toward
goals important to support of
Allies
Military

Armed - Abraham says improving
fighting well in some areas
not in others - depends on
leadership - corruption
being hit - promotions now
on basis of merit - in field

Reg + Pop forces need training

U.S. forces - spirit + morale high

IV Review - recommendations -

Political - pacification is every word
security - tough to achieve

RD beginning to move

Cadre training great - 12 weeks

9000 training on-the-job

30,000 in the field - rough job

60,000 by 68

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VP - ~~PT~~ Trainer problem said (2)

1. Corruption

2. Viel Cong

I think anti-corruption program ^{will} go.

Election process has had good effect

was encouraged by trip

Logistics vastly improved

Allies - Thais doing very well

Koreans - extraordinary

Australian - spirit high

Youth - In Saigon a problem

Communists trying to get young

VN Information Service poor

US P. men Corps - most are for out aim

(Read from memo sent back)

Suharto & Maylarian PM head of state said

If we fail in VN, all hope for SEA is lost.

Malaysia - PM said SEA enemy is Communism, militant Asian with leg in Peking -

Indonesia - Suharto asked if we have will to stay.

No act of hostility or protest on entire trip.

Malaysia - friendly

Indonesia - warm welcome

Dayohata shows failure of

Sukarno - unfinished buildings etc

Central Java - 1 1/2 mil people

Clearing out irrigation ditches

30,000 working on earth work

Really want our friendship

made no promises

Suharto an honest hardworking

man -

Officer - Fort Leavenworth did a ³
great job on many mil leader.
U.S. stakes big in Indonesia
as high as Japan & India
Thien not abrasive or arrogant
willing to probe for peace
He not a puppet
hegitated to be yelling ^{out} soon
not all well but it is better
making progress & continue
to make progress

Rush
VN Cabinet soon
Indonesia - inter aid been
helpful ^{in westmouland}
LBS - Bunker ^{coming} - available

McNamara - Delighted to hear VP
progress of military - Greatest
leadership - Westy - Abraham
& Palmer

Fulbright - what is our obj in VM
VP - Malaysian said - put down
insurgency ^{help} to build a nation
Ful - Peking enemy
VP - No - said Asians said enemy
was Peking
Ful - Enemy Peking or Ho Chi min?
VP - Vietnamese know enemy
as VC and North Vietnamese

more

(4)

mildly encouraging report
what monthly infiltration rate

VP - Didn't ask

but our people did support
bombing

mil had no doubt they could handle
anything put against them
captured very young - VC
having recruitment problem

Bunker working his heart out

what is it that I am different
than I was. Why do some
think I deceiving

Maurfield

asked Westmoreland

6500 - 7000 a month

How ^{NV} strength compare with
year ago?

VP - about same

Russel - fine statement - laid down

Buildup + ammunition used
lead to bombing not blocking
infiltration - Haiphong
closing port?

VP - Haiphong bombing effective
sealing off of harbor - did not
discuss - H to H corridor hit
effectively - How to restrain
to keep buildup down.

all mil commander realize
that as power is part of our
all mil strategy

Russel - thousands of tons of VC
ammunition used

VP - moved at night - Cambodia

VP - no complaint re decisions by (5)
— mil. new targeting game —
more flexibly

Bates - Brody article

Duration of war - mil think?

VP - no problems - mil officer
agreed improving & progress
above criticism of US told to Ky
Ky put above 2 day basic plus
training

Malone - 1 bil aid kept Indonesia

VP - Indonesia - collateral effect of
VN actions - our pressure in SEA
gave confidence to Indonesians
to help did it but what we doing

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