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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

After all the talk -- all the study -- all the advice -- a final decision rests tonight with President Johnson, whether to bomb -- or not to bomb in North Viet Nam.

According to White House Press Secretary Bill Moyers -- the President is even now weighing all the factors." As for that American peace effort in conjunction with the bombing lull -- this from Secretary of State Dean Rusk: "We started at 'A' -- and we're almost to 'z'."-- said he.

The inescapable conclusion -- we are told -- that renewal of air strikes is just a matter of time.

Perhaps the final straw -- reconnaissance reports of an unprecedented buildup of Communist forces in the South -- under cover of the bombing lull.

AID

A THRIVING BLACK MARKET IN AMERICAN AID TO VIET NAM--DISCLOSED TODAY IN A HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE; A BLACK MARKET, IN WHICH COMMUNISTS AS WELL AS AMERICANS--MAY BE SHARING IN THE PROFITS.

DISCLOSURE--BY CONGRESSMAN HAYS OF OHIO. CONFIRMED--BY AID ADMINISTRATOR DAVID BELL. DEPLORED--BY SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK; WHO WAS ~~THREATENED~~ *on Hand*, IRONICALLY, TO URGE AN ADDITIONAL FOUR-HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS IN FOREIGN AID--TO VIET NAM.

A CRYING EXAMPLE SIGHTED BY CONGRESSMAN HAYS--A CASE OF AN AMERICAN WOMAN IN SAIGON; APPARENTLY THE WIFE OF AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN--UNDER CONTRACT TO THE U. S. GOVERNMENT WHO IS SAID TO HAVE SENT HOME SOME THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND

ADD AID

DOLLARS WORTH OF MONEY ORDERS--IN THE
PAST SIX MONTHS.

AID ADMINISTRATOR BELL REPLYING,
IN EFFECT: WE'RE DOING OUR BEST--
WE'LL TRY TO DO BETTER.

VIET NAM

HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD--THE
HUNTED TURNED HUNTER TODAY IN VIET NAM.
U.S. TROOPS BLASTING A PAIR OF COMMUNIST
CUERILLA UNITS--WITH THEIR OWN FAVORITE
WEAPON: THE SNEAK ATTACK.

THE FIRST ACTION ABOUT THREE HUNDRED
MILES NORTH OF SAIGON ON HIGHWAY ONE--
THE SO-CALLED "HIGHWAY OF DEATH."
RADAR MOUTED ON A JEEP AT THE HEAD OF
AN AMERICAN COLUMN--SPOTTING A VIET CONG
AMBUSH MORE THAN A MILE AWAY. ARMED
HELICOPTERS PROMPTLY BLASTING THE
ENEMY FROM ABOVE--WITH GROUND FORCES
COMPLETING THE ROUT. AT LEAST FOUR
KILLED--TEN CAPTURED--MANY WOUNDED.

NEAR DANANG--MORE OF THE SAME.
A COMMUNIST TERROR-FORCE WALKING INTO THE
ARMS OF A MARINE AMBUSH. ~~BARELY FIVE~~

CHINA

By way of Hong Kong -- a report today of a serious rift in Red Chinese leadership, between Chinese militarists -- and Peking political theoreticians with party policy in general -- and Viet Nam in particular -- the chief bone of contention.

The professional military men said to be deeply concerned -- over the extent of political control of their actions. More so over the party's hard-line approach to Viet Nam -- which many feel has placed China on a collision course with the United States.

Put in its simplest terms -- the issue, just this: ~~XXXXX~~
"Whether the gun will direct the party -- or the party will direct the gun."

Keep it up boys.

CITIES

THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL HOUSING MESSAGE TO CONGRESS--A WHOPPING TWO-POINT-THREE BILLION DOLLAR PLAN FOR THE "REBIRTH" OF THE AMERICAN CITY. PROVIDING FOR CONSOLIDATION OF ALL EXISTING FEDERAL HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELFARE PLANS--UNDER THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

THE GOAL--SAID THE PRESIDENT--A NEW LIFE FOR CITY DWELLERS, INCLUDING THE ELIMINATION--OF ENTIRE SLUM NEIGHBORHOODS. (TO PROVIDE EVERY AMERICAN WITH "A CLEAN ROOM AND A PATCH OF SKY--A CHANCE TO LIVE NEAR AN OPEN SPACE--AND TO REACH IT ON A SAFE STREET." SO SAID MR. JOHNSON.)

ECONOMICS

THE PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC MESSAGE TO CONGRESS--SOMETHING ELSE AGAIN. A WARNING TO BOTH LABOR AND MANAGEMENT-- TO GO SLOW ON WAGES AND PRICES, TO PREVENT THE ECONOMY FROM OVERHEATING-- TO PREVENT INFLATION IN THE FACE OF THE WAR IN VIET NAM. OTHERWISE--SAID THE PRESIDENT--HE ^{will have} ~~MIGHT BE COMPELLED~~ TO ASK FOR HIGHER TAXES.

AS IF TO UNDERSCORE THE POINT--HE CALLED FOR THE THIRD TIME IN THREE WEEKS FOR SPEEDY PASSAGE OF SUGGESTED TAX REFORMS, INCLUDING A -SPEEDUP--IN THE COLLECTION OF PAYROLL WITHHOLDING AND CORPORATE TAXES. ALSO POSTPONMENT OF THAT PLANNED CUT IN EXCISE TAXES--ON CARS AND TELEPHONE SERVICE.

SOLDIER

AT FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA--FINAL TAPS TODAY FOR AN OLD, OLD SOLDIER. MAJOR FRANK L. ANDERS, U. S. ARMY RETIRED, THE SON OF AN ARMY MAN. RAISED IN INDIAN COUNTRY--AND A VETERAN OF THE PHILLIPINE INSURRECTION, WHERE HE WAS AWARDED THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR--FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION--MAJOR FRANK ANDERS--OLDEST HOLDER OF THE NATION'S HIGHEST AWARD--FADING QUIETLY AT HIS HOME IN FARGO. HE WAS NINETY.

SHOTGUN

FROM LAS VEGAS--NEWS TODAY OF A DOUBLE CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY--WITH NEAR TRAGIC RESULTS.

~~IT SEEMS THAT~~ DONALD ANDERSON ARRIVED IN TOWN FROM BACK EAST--TO LOOK UP HIS BROTHER--WHOM HE HADN'T SEEN IN THIRTY-FIVE YEARS. UNFORTUNATELY, HE HAD THE WRONG ADDRESS--AND KNOCKED AT THE WRONG DOOR. THAT OF ION~~A~~ MCWILLIAMS--AN EIGHTY-NINE-YEAR-OLD HANDYMAN.

HEARING A KNOCK--MCWILLIAMS CALLED OUT: "WHO IS IT?" NO REPLY. SUSPECTING A BURGLAR--MCWILLIAMS SLIPPED OUT THE BACK WITH A SHOTGUN. CREPT UP ON HIS CALLER AND AGAIN DEMANDED: "WHO ARE YOU".

WITHOUT A WORD--ANDERSON TURNED AND STARTED TO WALK AWAY. WHEREUPON
1 1/2 MCWILLIAMS--CONVINCED OF FOUL PLAY--

ADD SHOTGUN

blasted away with his shotgun.

Later at a hospital -- police learned why he refused to identify himself. The reason -- he's a deaf mute.

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Yes, just that! The blonde is said to hate the male sex so much so that several times in recent years -- she's picked up men and later tried to burn them up when they were asleep.

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FIRE

A story of fiery romance and a blonde comes today from Miami. And for once -- it has nothing to do with Candy Mossler.

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SNOW

The Nation's third major snowstorm of the month -- today dumped heavy -- paralyzing snow on the middle Atlantic seaboard. As much as eight inches in Virginia and the Western Carolinas. Toppling power lines -- closingschools -- and **and** clogging highways.

Gale warnings tonight -- from Savannah to Cape May, New Jersey; with heavy snow warnings -- as the storm center moves Northward.