

According to [an authoritative source and another official close to the negotiations], the final Nixon decision was reached late last Saturday afternoon [16 Dec] The previous day [15 Dec] Kissinger had met with top members of the executive branch to ask recommendations on the course to follow. By Saturday afternoon [16 Dec], they had sent their opinions to the President. According to the sources, the verdict in favor of bombing was unanimous. Kissinger met again with Nixon Saturday afternoon [16 Dec], and later that day the President made his decision.

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