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1. [ ] SHOULD BE AWARE OF HEADQUARTERS CONTACTS WITH, OR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED, TWO NEW MEMBERS U.S. PRESS CORPS IN SAIGON. SABETAY WAS BRIEFED PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE BUT MAY NOT HAVE HAD TIME TO FILL YOU IN BEFORE MEDICAL PROBLEMS INTERVENED.

2. DON OBERDORFER, KNIGHT NEWSPAPERS, IS NOW IN VIETNAM ATTEMPTING TO DO SERIES OF "IN DEPTH" ARTICLES OF VIET CONG *problems, organization,* PROGRESS, STRUCTURE AND MOTIVATION. HE HAD TWO LENGTHY SESSIONS AT HEADQUARTERS AND WAS GIVEN [ ] NAME. HE SEEMS INTERESTED IN DOING ~~STRONG~~ ~~OBJECTIVE~~ SERIOUS, OBJECTIVE PIECE THAT COULD HELP IMPROVE CLIMATE OF UNDERSTANDING BACK HERE. REQUEST HE BE TREATED CORDIALLY AND GIVEN ALL REASONABLE ASSISTANCE.

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3. PETER BRAESTRUP, FORMERLY OF NEW YORK TIMES, IS TAKING OVER AS WASHINGTON POST BUREAU CHIEF, SAIGON. THIS ASSIGNMENT

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APPARENTLY ENGINEERED BY JOE ALSOP AND MAY IRRITATE POST STAFFERS ALREADY THERE, PARTICULARLY LESCAZE. WE HAVE TOLD ALSOP, WHOSE ROLE OBVIOUSLY NOT TO BE DISCLOSED, STATION WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD TO ORIENT BRAESTRUP AND GIVE HIM OBJECTIVE RUNDOWN ON CURRENT SITUATION. BRAESTRUP HAS SABETAY'S NAME BUT NOT [REDACTED] WE WERE (b)(3) UNABLE TO CONTACT HIM HERE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE. FYI: BRAESTRUP AND FUNARO KNEW EACH OTHER WELL AS UNDERGRADUATES AT YALE, THOUGH THEIR PATHS HAVE NOT CROSSED SINCE.

END OF MESSAGE

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