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4. AS FOR SENATOR BAKER'S OWN VOTE, MONTGOMERY (PLEASE PROTECT) IS CERTAIN THAT IF THE SECRETARY WILL PERSONALLY PUT THE ARM ON HIM, HE WILL GO WITH THE ADMINISTRATION. MONTGOMERY SAYS SENATOR STEVENS GOT TO BAKER AT A "BAD MOMENT," AND BAKER'S SUPPORT OF STEVENS POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT IS NOT AT ALL FIRM.

5. FOR THAT MATTER, MONTGOMERY ALSO IS CERTAIN THAT STEVENS CAN BE PERSUADED TO THE CAUSE. BUT THAT WILL TAKE MORE OF AN EFFORT FROM NOT ONLY STATE AND DEFENSE, BUT THE WHITE HOUSE AS WELL.

6. PLEASE CAREFULLY PROTECT MONTGOMERY AS THE ~~SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION.~~

7. DEPARTMENT PASS TO NSC, DEFENSE AND CIA. VIETS

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