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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY

SUBJECT: Discussion of Vietnam Plans

Until further notice, I want no discussions by Government officials with the media concerning future U. S. troop withdrawal plans or U. S. plans for maintaining a residual force in South Vietnam. This applies to discussions with the press, either on or off the record, background briefings and informal speculation.

I expect each of you to insure that this guidance is implemented throughout your Department/Agency.

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cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs
of Staff

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

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Mr. President:

I believe it is essential that we turn off any further public discussions by Government officials of future plans for troop withdrawals and the issue of a residual force for South Vietnam. Therefore, I recommend that you sign the attached directive to the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense and Director of the CIA.

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Henry A. Kissinger

Attachment

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