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FROM: AMBASSADOR BUNKER, SAIGON 0316

TO: THE WHITE HOUSE, EYES ONLY HENRY A KISSINGER

REF: WHS-1009

1. I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE THIEU AT 6:00 A.M., MARCH 3, AND WILL TAKE UP QUESTION OF HIS REMARKS REGARDING INVASION OF NORTH VIETNAM. I WILL TRY TO GET HIM TO MAKE SOME STATEMENT ALONG LINES MENTIONED REPTTEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. THEIU'S REMARK THAT AN INVASION OF NORTH VIETNAM "WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME" WAS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM IN REPORTS OF A SPEECH HE MADE IN PLEIKU FEBRUARY 24. THE PALACE DENIED FEBRUARY 26 THAT HE HAD MADE THE STATEMENT. NEVERTHELESS, THE REPORTING OF IT HAS DONE THE DAMAGE AND I SHALL POINT THIS OUT TO HIM/