

Nixon Warnings of March 4, 1969  
& March 14, 1969

1. News conference March 4, 1969.

"Technically, it could be said that it is violation. Whether we reach the conclusion that the violation is so significant that it requires action on our part is a decision we will be reaching very soon if those attacks continue at their present magnitude.

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"We have not moved in a precipitate fashion, but the fact that we have shown patience and forbearance should not be considered a sign of weakness. We will not tolerate a continuation of a violation of ~~can~~ understanding. But more than that, we will not tolerate attacks which result in heavy casualties to our men at a time that we are honestly trying to seek peace at the conference table in Paris. An appropriate response to these attacks will be made if they continue."

2. News conference March 14, 1969.

"It will be my policy as President to issue a warning only once, and I will not repeat it now. Anything in the future that is done will be done. There will be no additional warning.

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"We have issued a warning. I will not warn again. If we conclude that the level of casualties is higher than we should tolerate, action will take place."