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TO DR. HENRY KISSINGER, EYES ONLY  
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DEAR HENRY:

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MANY THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 9.  
IN REGARD TO MAKING ANY SUGGESTIONS TO THE  
PRESIDENT ABOUT A CHANGE IN OUR NEGOTIATING POSTURE,  
I HAVE NONE TO PUT FORWARD. I THINK THE POINTS IN  
HIS SPEECH ARE COMPLETELY VALID, AND SHOULD BE  
ADHERED TO WITHOUT ANY PRESENT ALTERATION. OF  
COURSE, I RECOGNIZE THAT IF SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS  
SHOULD EVER TAKE PLCE, THERE MIGHT BE COMPROMISES  
ON BOTH SIDES ON DETAILS, BUT THERE SHOULD NOT BE  
BY US ON PRINCIPLES. UNHAPPILY, OUR DIPLOMATIC  
HISTORY IS ALL TOO ILL-STARRED BY OUR UNNECESSARILY  
MAKING CONCESSION AFTER CONCESSION THROUGH IMPATIENCE  
TO ACHIEVE EPHEMERAL RESULTS.

I HAVE NO SYMPATHY FOR BUREAUCRATIC PRESSURES  
FAVORING TRADING UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL FOR A CEASE-FIRE.  
APART FROM OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, MY GUESS IS BY SO  
DOING, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD WIND UP  
AFTER UNDERCUTTING OUR ALLIES WITHOUT ANY COMPENSATORY  
GAIN.

IN REGARD TO A SECOND POINT IN YOUR LETTER. IT  
AMAZES ME THAT SO MANY PERSONS IN OUR GOVERNMENT, THE  
CONGRESS, OUR NEWS MEDIA, AND AMONGST THE PUBLIC  
GENERALLY, HAVE BEEN FOOLED BY THE PERSISTENT COMMUNIST  
DEMAND FOR THE REMOVAL OF MESSRS. THIEU, KY, AND KHIEM,  
AND THE SUBSEQUENT ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROVISIONAL  
COALITION GOVERNMENT. ON THIS, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD  
NEVER RPT NEVER COMPROMISE. THIEU, KY, AND KHIEM ARE ONLY  
CONVENIENT NAMES AS FAR AS THE OTHER SIDE IS CONCERNED.  
WHAT THEY REALLY AIM AT IS THE DISMANTLING--WITH CHAOS  
TO FOLLOW, A CONDITION ALWAYS FAVORABLE TO THEIR  
DESIGNS--OF THE STRUCTURE OF ADMINISTRATION IN SOUTH  
VIET-NAM. THE SHEER IMPUDENCE OF A JUNGLE-BASED  
MINORITY SETTING FORTH SUCH A PROPOSAL SHOULD BE  
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UNHAPPILY, THERE ARE ALL TOO MANY GULLIBLE CITIZENS WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY REALLY INTEND, NAMELY TO SEIZE POWER BY SUBTERFUGE. THAT TACTIC IS CALSSICAL IN COMMUNIST PRACTICE; AND ALL TOO OFTEN HAS SUCCEEDED, BECAUSE OF LACK OF COMPREHENSION BY THEIR ADVERSARIES OF WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE COMMUNIST OBJECTIVE.

I HOPE IT IS NOT SIMPLY BECAUSE OF AGE, AND HARDENING OF THE ARTERIES, THAT I FEEL STRONGLY THE DESIRABILITY OF STAKING HEAVILY ON THE PRESIDENT'S EXCELLENT HAND, AND NOT BEING BLUFFED OUT OF ITS FULL USE. IF VIETNAMIZATION CONTINUES TO PROGRESS FAVORABLY AND WE MAINTAIN A REASONABLE FIRMNESS, OUR OPPONENTS MAY SLOWLY BEND. ABOVE ALL, WE MUST NOT BETRAY OUR OWN FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS THROUGH IMPATIENCE.

SO MUCH FOR THAT HOMILY.  
WITH WARM REGARDS I AM  
EVER YOURS, DAVID

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