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SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT NIXON

1. I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER TODAY TO CONVEY TO THEM GENERAL ASSURANCES ON CONTINUITY OF US FOREIGN POLICY GENERALLY AND US SUPPORT FOR RVN SPECIFICALLY.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY GVN MINISTRY OF INFORMATION ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

QUOTE THE OFFICE OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES:
--- AT 10:00 A.M. TODAY, FRIDAY AUGUST 9, 1974, MR. LEHMANN, THE AMERICAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, A.I., CALLED ON THE PRIME MINISTER.

IN THE MEETING MR. LEHMANN OFFICIALLY INFORMED THE PRIME MINISTER THAT UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY RESTS ON A BROAD BASIS OF GENERAL AGREEMENT AND THAT HE FULLY EXPECTS THAT PRESIDENT GERALD FORD, WHO HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED PRESIDENT NIXON'S FOREIGN POLICY, WILL CONTINUE ALL THE PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS WHICH HAVE CHARACTERIZED AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY UNDER SUCCEEDING PRESIDENTS IN THE LAST 25 YEARS.

MR. LEHMANN ALSO BROUGHT TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S ATTENTION THE STATEMENTS ON THE BIPARTISAN NATURE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY MADE BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, AND BY SENATORS MANSFIELD AND SCOTT.

MR. LEHMANN SPECIFICALLY ASSURED THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH AND SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM INCLUDING CONTINUED ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM. UNQUOTE

3. PRESIDENT THIEU HAS ASKED ME TO COME AND SEE HIM AT 8:00 A. M. TOMORROW (-7675 10.

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