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August 29, 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: AL HAIG

At Tab B is [redacted] from Porter in which he proposed to limit his statement at this week's plenary session to a harsh paragraph on the other side's inhumanitarianism on prisoners, assuming they show no receptivity to the South Vietnamese offer to return 600 sick and wounded prisoners. He would say no more "for impact purposes".

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At Tab A for your approval is a reply to Porter which once again makes the point that we cannot rock the boat in the plenaries. It tells him that he can use his paragraph but says that he should also present his prepared statement.

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TO: AMBASSADOR PORTER
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER (S)
REFERENCE: Paris 882

1. Thank you for your cable. We have no objections to your proposed statement on prisoners, assuming the other side rejects the South Vietnamese offer. However, we continue to believe that we cannot afford to rock the boat too much in the plenaries at this delicate stage. Therefore you should present your prepared statement as well, although this need not be overly long.

Warm regards.

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FM AMBASSADOR PORTER PARIS 082
TO THE WHITE HOUSE EYES ONLY DR. HENRY KISSINGER
WE SPEAK LAST AT MEETING ON AUGUST 21. I PROPOSE TO
LIMIT MY STATEMENT FOR IMPACT PURPOSES TO FOLLOWING:
"HAVING LISTENED TO YOUR STATEMENTS THIS MORNING I WISH
TO SAY THAT I AM APPALLED AT CALLOUS MANNER YOU CONTINUE
TO DISPLAY IN REJECTING OR IGNORING ALL HUMANITARIAN
GESTURES WHICH MIGHT EASE THE BURDENS OF PRISONERS AND
CIVILIANS IN THE PRESENT CONFLICT. YOUR REJECTION OF THE
OFFER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO
REPATRIATE TO NORTH VIETNAM SIX HUNDRED SICK AND WOUNDED
PRISONERS OF WAR IS A CASE IN POINT. YOU CONTINUE TO SHOCK
THE WORLD BY YOUR ATTITUDE, AND I WISH TO REGISTER A
STRONG PROTEST AGAINST IT."

IF NVN DISPLAYS RECEPTIVITY TO SOUTH VIETNAMESE OFFER.
I WILL NOT USE ABOVE STATEMENT. INSTEAD WE WILL PRESENT
PREPARED STATEMENT ON INCONSISTENCIES IN THEIR POSITION.
WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
WARM REGARDS.

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