

Porter Negroponte will have a copy on plane with them

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

URGENT ACTION

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September 8, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MR. KISSINGER

FROM:

JOHN D. NEGROPONTE *JDN*

SUBJECT:

Ambassador Porter's Plans for the Next Plenary

Ambassador Porter has sent you a message regarding the next plenary in which he proposes to deal at greater length with the "contradictions and complexities" inherent in the concept of a tripartite Government of National Concord (Tab B).

Alternatively, as the GVN delegation intends to concentrate on "General Giap's" errors, Porter says it may be preferable to say only that the other side should comment on the GVN presentation and, in order to save time for that purpose, Porter would forego a formal statement.

This is not the first time that Porter has proposed skipping a formal presentation and it is obvious that he wants to vary the routine a little bit. This is clearly not the time for innovative tactics at the Paris plenaries and I have, therefore, drafted for your consideration a cable which suggests to Porter that he indeed make a formal statement at the next plenary, however brief, and that at some point he be certain to once again reaffirm the May 8 peace terms. (Tab A).

Recommendation:

That you sign the message to Porter at Tab A.

DOS, DIA, reviews completed.

WL agrees

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CABLE

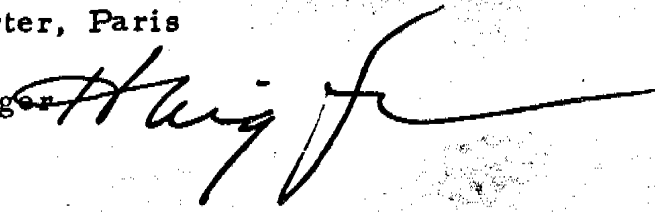
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SECRET

FOR:

Ambassador Porter, Paris

FROM:

Henry A. Kissinger 

REFERENCE:

Your 901

1. I concur in your plan to deal at greater length with contradictions and complexities inherent in other side's proposal in tripartite Government of National Concord. I would also like to ask that you also include renewed reference to our May 8 offer.

2. While I have no objections to your statement being kept as brief as possible, I do not think that you should forego a formal presentation.

3. Warm regards.

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NM AMBASSADOR PORTER PARIS 901
TO DR. HENRY KISSINGER WHITE HOUSE.

AT NEXT SESSION I PROPOSE TO DEAL AT GREATER LENGTH
WITH CONTRADICTIONS AND COMPLEXITIES INHERENT IN NVN/VC
PROPOSAL FOR THREAPARTY GOVT OF "NATIONAL CONCORD

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ALTERNATIVELY, AS GVNDEL INTENDS TO CONCENTRATE ON
GEN. GIAP'S ERRORS, IT MAY BE PREFERABLE TO SAY ONLY THAT
AS NVN/VC OBVIOUSLY SHOULD COMMENT ON GVN PRESENTATION,
IT WILL SAVE TIME FOR THAT PURPOSE IF I FOREGO FORMAL
STATEMENT.

IN EITHER CASE I WILL, OF COURSE, ENTER DEBATE AGAIN
WITH SVN OFFER TO REPATRIATE 600 SICK AND WOUNDED
COMBATANTS ABOUT WHOM NVNDEL IS VERY SICK AND SORELY
WOUNDED OF HEARING.
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