

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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August 8, 1973

TO: SIR ROBERT THOMPSON

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK*

The itinerary outlined in your August 2 message looks fine. Your presence in Phnom Penh just before the bombing cutoff should provide an added morale boost to the Cambodians. Based on your impression of the situation there you might want to consider returning to Phnom Penh shortly after August 15 to assess post-bombing developments.

I'm looking forward to hearing your impressions when you return to Washington.

Warm regards.

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URGENT ACTION

August 6, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MR. KISSINGER

FROM:

WILLIAM L. STEARMAN *WLS*

SUBJECT:

Sir Robert's Travels *[Signature]*

Sir Robert Thompson has sent us  his itinerary in Vietnam and Cambodia (Tab B). He hopes to visit Phnom Penh on August 11/12 and will be attending the GVN economic seminar (Chuck Cooper may also be there) August 15-19. We believe it would be more useful for Sir Robert to sound the post-August 15 atmosphere in Phnom Penh and recommend that he postpone his trip there until the 19th or so. A proposed message to this effect is at Tab A.

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RECOMMENDATION:

pass to Sir Robert Thompson the message at Tab A.

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Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

*No - I think he should  
bring them up before August 15.  
Then, if necessary, he can go  
back afterwards.*

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Please pass the following message to Dr. Henry Kissinger from Sir Robert Thompson:

"I visited General Vogt at NKP on 28 July before arriving Saigon 29 July.

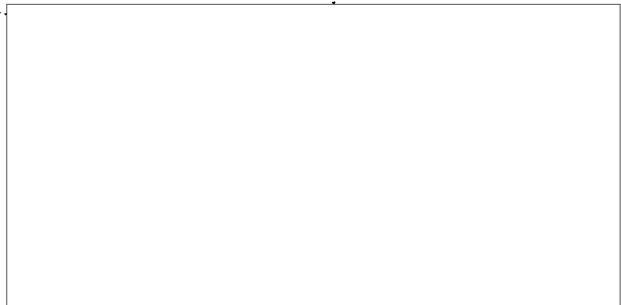
"Will be visiting all Regions during next ten days and hopefully Phnom Penh on 11/12 August. Am attending GVN's economic seminar from 15-19 August, and expect to leave Saigon about 21 August.

"I will then stop over Singapore two days to write report and possibly see Lee Kuan Yew if he has returned from Ottawa for Southeast Asia roundup.

"I expect to arrive Washington Saturday, 25 August and will be available for such appointments as you require in the following week. Best contact in Washington for arranging schedule will be George Tanham of the RAND Corporation.

"Please reply soonest if timings are inconvenient. Looking forward to seeing you again. Regards."

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