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Dear Dick:

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is an oral note which you should read to the Chinese. Both are self-explanatory.

With respect to the Chinese, if they have any of the responses that we have requested, please call me immediately. In the interest of time and in view of the proposed announcement on the 23rd here, it would probably be best to convey these responses over a secure telephone rather than to wait for couriers or coded messages.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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General Walters, at the November 18 meeting, should tell the Chinese Ambassador the following:

Dr. Kissinger will not be travelling to Paris this weekend because the North Vietnamese have just postponed a meeting scheduled for November 20.

The U.S. side would appreciate any responses the Chinese side might have to its recent questions. In particular, because of time pressure, it needs the Chinese views on the suitability of the November 23 1600 Washington time for announcing the date of the President's visit and confirmation that on that date the U.S. side can release the additional information on the visit cited in the U.S. note of November 16.

The President will be pleased to travel in a Chinese airplane in his visits to Hangchow and Shanghai.

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