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FOR: GENERAL HAIG
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

While you are in Saigon, I wish you would ask Ambassador Bunker about the status of his consultations with the GVN about a cease-fire. As you know, we have been holding the line on this issue here, but we have to have a coordinated position with the Vietnamese in case Hanoi proposes a cease-fire. Otherwise, persons favoring a cease-fire can say that Saigon is sabotaging the prospects.

A coordinated reply on a cease fire can be developed without prejudice to our ultimate position on a cease-fire, and even though we do not plan to propose one ourselves. You might add that we do not expect the other side to make such a proposal in the near future.

Please assure Ambassador Bunker that neither my views or the President's have changed on this subject since our last discussion. Please show him this message.

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