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~~T O P S E C R E T~~ SENSITIVE 280930Z MAR 70 VIA CAS CHANNELS  
FROM AMBASSADOR BUNKER, SAIGON 723

TO THE WHITE HOUSE, EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY GENERAL HAIG

REF: A. WHS-0011  
B. STATE 045730

1. RESPONDING TO YOUR MESSAGE AND STATE'S, REF B, I IMMEDIATELY TRIED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THIEU ONLY TO FIND THAT HE HAD LEFT YESTERDAY EVENING FOR CON SON ISLAND AND WOULD NOT RETURN TO SAIGON UNTIL TOMORROW. I, THEREFORE, CALLED ON THE PRIME MINISTER AND GAVE HIM SUBSTANCE OF BOTH MESSAGES, REQUESTING THAT ACROSS THE BORDER OPERATIONS BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE MATTER CAN BE CONSIDERED AND COORDINATED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCT GENERAL VIEN, CHIEF OF JGS, TO ISSUE ORDERS TO THE CORPS COMMANDERS TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

3. I WILL DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH PRESIDENT THIEU ON HIS RETURN TOMORROW.

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