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TO: THE WHITE HOUSE, EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: PARIS MEETINGS

1. I HAD FIRST OPPORTUNITY SINCE MY RETURN FROM WASHINGTON TODAY TO GIVE THIEU A RUN-DOWN ON YOUR TALK WITH YUL AUGUST 16. I WENT OVER WITH HIM IN DETAIL THE POINTS IN THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES WHICH WE THOUGHT SHOULD GOVERN A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT FOR INDO-CHINA WHICH YOU HAD SUBMITTED TO YUL. I SAID THAT HE HAD SHOWN ENOUGH INTEREST IN THEM TO SUGGEST A FURTHER MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 13 AND THAT YOU PLANNED TO GO AHEAD WITH THIS. I DID NOT KNOW WHETHER MICHAEL WOULD BE PRESENT AT THE NEXT MEETING.

2. THIEU'S ONLY COMMENT WAS TO ASK WHETHER WE THOUGHT THE OTHER SIDE WOULD LIKE TO COME TO A SEPARATE AGREEMENT WITH US BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO CHINA. HE SAID HE THOUGHT HANOI WAS APPREHENSIVE CONCERNING WHAT MIGHT COME OUT OF THE VISIT AND MIGHT FEAR, AS A RESULT OF IT, SOME KIND OF AN IMPOSED SETTLEMENT. I REPLIED THAT I DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE PROSPECT OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT HAD STIMULATED THEIR INTEREST IN FURTHER EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES, BUT WE THOUGHT IT WORTHWHILE TO CONTINUE TO PROBE HOW FAR THEY ARE READY TO GO. IN ANY CASE WE WERE NOT GOING TO MAKE A SEPARATE AGREEMENT.

3. BEST REGARDS.

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