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FROM: AMBASSADOR BUNKER SAIGON 0069 IMMEDIATE
TO: THE WHITE HOUSE, EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY HENRY A. KISSINGER
REF: WHS 1135

1. THANK YOU FOR INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTTEL. I PLAN TO INFORM THIEU WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO.
2. I NOTE YOUR PLAN TO LEAVE OPEN THIEU'S CANDIDACY. AS YOU KNOW, HE NOT ONLY MENTIONED HIS DECISION TO STEP ASIDE IN CASE PEACE IS ACHIEVED TO HAIG AND ME, BUT ALSO STATED THIS PUBLICLY IN HIS LAST CAMPAIGN SPEECH ON THE NATIONAL TELEVISION NETWORK SEPTEMBER 30. HE SAID THEN: "IF THE COMMUNISTS DO NOT WANT ME TO LEAD THIS COUNTRY ANY LONGER, THEN LET THEM GIVE UP THEIR DREAM OF INVATION AND NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY TO END THIS WAR. THEY DO NOT NEED TO OVERTHROW ME BECAUSE I HAVE SAID THAT WHEN I CAN RESTORE A JUST PEACE FOR THE COUNTRY, THEN, ON MY OWN, I WILL ASK THE PEOPLE TO LET ME RETURN TO THE LIFE OF A SIMPLE CITIZEN, BECAUSE MY ONLY AND EAGER ASPIRATION TO SERVE THE COUNTRY IS SIMPLY FOR THAT PEACE." I SIMPLY MENTION THAT THIS IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD IN CASE YOU WANT TO USE IT.
3. GOOD LUCK AND WARM REGARDS.

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