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**T O P S E C R E T** 250855Z APR 72 [REDACTED] (BUNKER) 25X1  
FROM: AMBASSADOR BUNKER SAIGON 0075 IMMEDIATE  
TO: THE WHITE HOUSE, EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER  
REF: WHS 2054

1. A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES AT 0838: [REDACTED] *Tomorrow morning* ILLEGIB

QUOTE: THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS AGREED WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT THE PARIS TALKS SHOULD BE RESUMED ON APRIL 27, 1972. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM RECALLS THE NUMEROUS APPEALS OF THE OTHER SIDE TO REOPEN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS AND IS AGREEING TO DO SO ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE OTHER SIDE IS PREPARED TO CONDUCT SERIOUS AND MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS WHICH COULD LEAD TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE CURRENT CONFLICT. THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM EMPHASIZES THAT THE GOOD INTENTIONS OF THE OTHER SIDE MUST ALSO BE PROVED BY ITS CESSATION OF ITS INVASION OF SOUTH VIET-NAM.

PENDING THE PEACEFUL SOLUTION SINCERELY SOUGHT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, THE GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMS ITS DETERMINATION TO DEFEND ITS POPULATION AND ITS TERRITORY FROM INVASION BY NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES, WHOSE FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE DMZ AND THE 1968 UNDERSTANDINGS HAVE BEEN DENOUNCED BY PEOPLES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. UNQUOTE.

- 2. GVN UNDERSTANDS THE NECESSITY OF MAKING NO REPEAT NO COMMENT RELATING THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS TO YOUR MOSCOW TRIP.
- 3. WARM REGARDS.

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