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~~TOP SECRET SENSITIVE~~ 031045Z AUG 72 VIA CAS CHANNELS (BUNKER)
FROM: AMBASSADOR BUNKER SAIGON 0126 IMMEDIATE
TO: THE WHITE HOUSE, EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER
REFS: A) WHS 2096; B) WHS 2097.

1. UPON RECEIPT REF A, I ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT WITH THIEU WHICH WAS SET FOR TODAY. IT HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING OWING TO THIEU'S INDISPOSITION.
2. IN THE MEANTIME, I HAVE RECEIVED REF B. I HAVE READ IT CAREFULLY AND HAVE COME TO THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS A) THAT I WILL WANT TO GIVE OTHER SIDE'S PROPOSAL FURTHER ANALYSIS AND A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHT BEFORE REPLYING TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 2, REF B; B) THAT WE WILL NEED TO HAVE A FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON HOW TO HANDLE THE PROPOSALS WITH THIEU BEFORE GOING BEYOND CONTENTS OF REF A.
3. THERE ARE MANY ASPECTS OF THE OTHER SIDE'S PROPOSAL WHICH THIEU WILL FIND MOST DIFFICULT. THUS MY INCLINATION WOULD BE NOT TO ENGAGE HIM IN DEPTH AT THIS TIME; IN FACT I QUESTION WHETHER WE SHOULD GO BEYOND THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OUTLINED IN REF A. IN MY MEETING TOMORROW, OF COURSE, I SHALL NOT GO BEYOND THIS.
4. MY PRELIMINARY THINKING IS THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR YOU TO COME TO SAIGON AFTER THE NEXT MEETING.
5. PROVIDED MY MEETING WITH THIEU TOMORROW IS CONCLUDED IN TIME, I PLAN TO FLY TO KATHMANDU FOR WEEKEND.

6. WARM REGARDS.

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