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VIA BUNKER CHANNELS  
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER  
TO: AMBASSADOR BUNKER  
CITE: WHS2089

JULY 22, 1972

TO: AMBASSADOR BUNKER -IMMEDIATE- DELIVER OPENING OF BUSINESS  
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

AT NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 1, I NOW PLAN TO PURSUE THE FOLLOWING STRATEGY: PRESENT ESSENTIALLY THE JANUARY 25 8 POINT U.S. PROPOSAL WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

1. CEASEFIRE TO COME INTO EFFECT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH AGREEMENT ON THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES, INSTEAD OF AFTER POLITICAL AGREEMENT AS IS THE CASE NOW. THIS IS LESS FAVORABLE TO NORTH VIETNAM.
  2. THE DEADLINE BY WHICH THE DETAILED POLITICAL IMPLEMENTATION TALKS ARE TO BE CONCLUDED WILL BE THREE MONTHS. THERE IS NO DEADLINE NOW.
  3. THE ELECTIONS WILL STILL BE CONDUCTED SIX MONTHS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT - OR NINE MONTHS AFTER THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES - BUT AS HAIG MENTIONED TO YOU, THIEU WOULD STEP DOWN TWO MONTHS RATHER THAN ONE MONTH BEFORE THE ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE.
- WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS ESSENTIALLY THE PROPOSAL WHICH THE SOVIETS HAVE URGED ON HANOI. PLEASE DISCUSS THIS GAME PLAN WITH THIEU ON AN URGENT BASIS WITH THE VIEW TOWARD OBTAINING HIS AGREEMENT TO MY PROCEEDING AS OUTLINED.

WARM REGARDS.

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