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TO: RICHARD T. KENNEDY, THE WHITE HOUSE

FROM: GENERAL HAIG

PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY TO
AMBASSADOR BUNKER FOR DELIVERY AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO OPENING
OF BUSINESS, NOVEMBER 23.

VIA BUNKER CHANNEL

TO: AMBASSADOR BUNKER

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED THAT YOU DELIVER THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM HIM TO PRESIDENT THIEU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BEGIN TEXT. I AM INCREASINGLY DISMAYED AND APPREHENSIVE
OVER THE PRESS CAMPAIGN EMANATING FROM SAIGON. THERE ARE ALLE-
GATIONS THAT MY ASSOCIATES ARE NOT INFORMING ME ACCURATELY OF
YOUR VIEWS AND THAT YOU HAVE THEREFORE DISPATCHED A SPECIAL
EMISSARY TO WASHINGTON TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK. THE UNFOUNDED
ATTACKS ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT HAVE CONTINUED WITH INCREASING
FREQUENCY.

IN ADDITION, I AM STRUCK BY THE DILATORY TACTICS WHICH WE ARE EXPERIENCING FROM YOUR SIDE IN PARIS. IT IS EVIDENT THAT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES THERE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN WITH SUFFICIENT TIMELINESS THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WHICH WE MUST HAVE IF WE ARE ADEQUATELY TO REPRESENT YOUR VIEWS DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING THE PROTOCOLS RELATED TO THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WHICH WERE PROVIDED TO YOUR GOVERNMENT IN SAIDON SOME TWO WEEKS AGO.

AS I TOLD YOU IN MY LETTERS OF NOVEMBER 8, 14, AND 18, I WILL PROCEED PROMPTLY TO A FINAL SOLUTION IF AN ACCEPTABLE FINAL AGREEMENT IS ARRIVED AT IN PARIS THIS WEEK. GIVEN MY CLEAR MESSAGES AND THOSE CONVEYED BY MY REPRESENTATIVES THESE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, ANY FURTHER DELAY FROM YOUR SIDE CAN ONLY BE INTERPRETED AS AN EFFORT TO SCUTTLE THE AGREEMENT. THIS WOULD HAVE A DISASTROUS EFFECT ON OUR ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR EMISSARY IN WASHINGTON AS SOON AS THE PARIS SESSIONS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED, BUT IN THE INTERIM I MUST URGE YOU THIS ONE LAST TIME NOT TO PUT OURSELVES IRREVOCABLY AT ODDS. IF THE CURRENT COURSE CONTINUES AND YOU FAIL TO JOIN US IN CONCLUDING A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT WITH HANOI, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL PROCEED AT WHATEVER THE COST. END TEXT.

FOR KENNEDY: PLEASE GIVE A COPY OF THE ABOVE TEXT TO HALDEMAN AND TELL HIM THAT THIS IS THE ISSUE HAK DISCUSSED WITH HIM ON THE PHONE AND THAT IT WAS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT HE TAKE THIS ACTION.

END OF MESSAGE

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