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FEBRUARY 9, 1973

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

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JCS ADVISES THAT MOVING THE CARRIER SOUTH OF DMZ WILL PUT IT OUTSIDE HELICOPTER RANGE OF THE MINE SWEEPING OPERATION. THIS WOULD REQUIRE THAT ALL LOGISTIC AND PERSONNEL COMMUNICATION WITH THE MINE SWEEPING BE ACCOMPLISHED BY SURFACE VESSEL, WHICH WOULD BE HAMPERING BUT NOT REPEAT NOT AN IMPOSSIBLE WAY TO OPERATE. JCS ENVISIONS THIS LOGISTICS CARRIER AS A STOP GAP OPERATION, WHICH HOPEFULLY WOULD EVENTUALLY BE SUPPLANTED BY A GROUND LOCATION NEAR HAIPHONG. DRV HAS NOT BEEN APPROACHED ON LATTER POSITION, HOWEVER, AND WILL NOT BE WITHOUT YOUR APPROVAL.

WILL AWAIT YOUR FURTHER GUIDANCE.

WARM REGARSDS.

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JCS review completed.

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