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Memo to
Pres.
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August 15, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: Messages to Ambassadors Lodge and Bunker

Yesterday, pursuant to our discussion, I sent messages to both Lodge and Bunker via back channels, informing them of your views on the conduct of the next secret meetings in Paris. Messages are at Tabs C and D.

At Tab A is a response received from Bunker expressing his gratitude to you and at Tab B is a response from Cabot confirming that he understands your instructions completely and will comply.

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Attachments

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS
APPLY

State Dept. review completed.

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FROM WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM
TO AL HAIG FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER
CITE WH91931

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T O P S E C R E T/SENSITIVE 150925Z AUG 69 VIA CAS CHANNELS
FM AMB BUNKER, SAIGON 087
TO THE WHITE HOUSE, EYES ONLY HENRY KISSINGER
REF: WH 90011, SAIGON 16292

1. PLEASE SAY TO THE PRESIDENT I GREATLY APPRECIATE HIS MESSAGE. I FEEL THAT THE POSTURE HE HAS DEFINED OF POSITION TO BE TAKEN IN PARIS IS ONE MOST LIKELY TO ELICIT VIEWS OF THE OTHER SIDE AND HENCE PRODUCE PROGRESS.
2. BEST REGARD. BUNKER.

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FROM WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM
TO COL. HAIG FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER
CITE WH91932

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FM USDEL PARIS
TO WHITE HOUSE
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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE EYES ONLY [REDACTED] PARIS 509

EYES ONLY DR. KISSINGER FROM AMBASSADOR LODGE

FROM: USDEL PARIS
TO: WHITE HOUSE

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THIS ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF YOUR MESSAGE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OF AUGUST 15. I THOROUGHLY UNDERSTAND THE PRESIDENT'S
INSTRUCTIONS AND HABIB WILL FOLLOW THEM TO THE LETTER.
AS REGARDS THE POINT ABOUT HABIB NOT REITERATING
OUR POSITION, I ASSUME, OF COURSE, THAT THIS DOES NOT
PRECLUDE HIM FROM REFERENCES TO OUR POSITION IF THE
DISCUSSION CALLS FOR IT. IN SO DOING, HE WOULD CONFINE
HIMSELF TO BRIEF STATEMENTS REPEATING POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY
EXPRESSED.

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TO: AMBASSADOR LODGE
EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HAK*

The President has asked that I forward to you the following message:

QUOTE: I am in full agreement with Ambassador Bunker's views on the private talks as outlined in Saigon 16292 and have noted that instructions from State on this subject are generally consistent with Bunker's views. Nevertheless, I am reinforcing these views through a separate back channel message to you. I believe that the U.S. has been as forthcoming as can be reasonably expected in the talks thus far and direct that in subsequent meetings, Habib confine himself to confronting the other side with a number of direct questions designed to illicit their views. Lacking responsiveness on the part of the other side, Habib should avoid any reiteration of our position; avoid protestations of our good will, and avoid the hint of any new concessions on our part lacking reciprocity.

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BACK CHANNEL VIA CAS

TO: AMBASSADOR BUNKER
EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY
(Deliver opening of business Aug 15)

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *Aug*

The President has asked that I forward to you the following message:

QUOTE: I have read your Saigon 16292 and agree fully with your assessment. I also note that instructions to Paris from State are generally consistent with your views. Nevertheless, I am reinforcing these views through a separate back channel message to Ambassador Lodge underlining my convictions that the U.S. has been as forthcoming as can be reasonably expected in the talks thus far and that in subsequent meetings, Habib should confine himself to confronting the other side with a number of direct questions designed to illicit their views. Lacking responsiveness on the part of the other side, Habib should avoid any reiteration of our position, avoid protestations of our good will, and avoid any hint of any new concessions on our part lacking reciprocity. UNQUOTE

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