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AUGUST 24, 1970

TO: ROBERT HOUDEK (WITH VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY)

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: Possible Cambodian Stop

You will have seen Ladd's positive assessment of security situation in Phnom Penh and his view that Vice President's presence would be a great boost for Cambodia; Rives' and Unger's views against meeting Lon Nol in Bangkok; and Unger's suggestion of a meeting aboard aircraft in Phnom Penh.

Final decision is, of course, up to the Vice President. Our recommendation is that he go to Phnom Penh along the lines of the original plan, and that meeting with Lon Nol should be on this basis or not at all. We think that either Bangkok or aircraft meeting would have unfortunate public impact.

DOS Review Completed.

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