

HF Frequency Compliance

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1. The following HF frequencies are authorized for use by the White House Communications Agency, world-wide, with the exception of the COMUSC. These are GCH assignments, with an authorized emission of GAGB and 45W output at fixed stations and a GCH emission and 15W output for mobile stations. Portrot assignments have been made as indicated.

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Frequency

49	2015
48	2530
47	4035
46	4610
62	6830
63	7325
41	8940
64	9120
65	11460
66	12270
68	13440
69	13960
36	16090
70	17440
71	18290
72	18460
73	19320
74	19660
29	23433
30	23703

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2. If you concur with retention of KRM-2's, it is recommended that project requests be initiated to procure one set of crystals for the above frequencies for each KRM-2 on hand.

3. It is further recommended that the DCAM include, as a part of the current HF equipment and antenna study, recommended antennas for use with the KRM-2's, if you concur with their retention for use by the WHCA.

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TO WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM
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FOR WILLIAM BUNDY.

BACKGROUND BRIEFING
(PRESIDENT'S TRIP AROUND THE WORLD)

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH WILLIAM P. BUNDY, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FAR EASTERN
AFFAIRS,

7:30 P.M.
DECEMBER 23, 1967
SATURDAY
(ENROUTE KARACHI-ROME)

MR. BUNDY: LET ME SAY AT THE OUTSET THAT EVERYBODY
CONCERNED IN THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY HAS BEEN VERY SORRY
THAT THIS HAS BEEN A VERY DIFFICULT AND ARDUOUS TRIP. I
CAN ONLY SAY IT HASN'T EXACTLY BEEN A CINCH FOR US.

BUT WHAT I WANT TO DO IS EXPLAIN WHY THIS HAS BEEN SO,
AND WHY THERE HAVE BEEN PARTICULAR ELEMENTS OF TIMING AND
CAREFUL PLANNING, AND IN SOME INSTANCES, NOTABLY THE
QUESTION OF KORAT, VIETNAM, SECURITY WHICH AFFECTED OUR
ABILITY TO GIVE YOU ADVANCE ON THE SCHEDULE. I WILL COME
TO THE FACTORS THAT AFFECTED THE TIMING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT
THAT WE WERE GOING TO ROME.

FIRST OF ALL, LET ME SAY THAT THIS WAS AN ABNORMAL TRIP
TO BEGIN WITH. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DIDN'T DECIDE
UNTIL MONDAY NOON WHEN THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WOULD BE. THERE
HAD BEEN TALK OF HOLDING IT AS EARLY AS WEDNESDAY OR AS LATE
AS NEXT WEEK, SO WE COULDN'T PLAN AT ALL UNTIL WE GOT THE
AUSTRALIAN DECISION ON THE TIME OF THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

AFTER THAT, THE PRESIDENT, OF COURSE, RAPIDLY DECIDED
THAT HE WOULD GO, AND THAT WAS ANNOUNCED MONDAY EVENING.
BUT WITH THE DEPARTURE TUESDAY NOON, AND EVERYTHING ELSE
TO PUT TOGETHER IN THE MEANTIME, WE COULDN'T HAVE ANY
KIND OF EXCHANGES WITH OUR POSTS IN THE FIELD TO NAIL ANY-
THING DOWN BEFORE WE LEFT.

I HAVE WORKED ON THE PLANNING FOR THE PRESIDENT'S
TRIP LAST YEAR IN OCTOBER, AND MANY OTHER TRIPS. IN MANY
OTHER CASES WE HAVE HAD IT AT LEAST NINE-TENTHS NAILED DOWN
BEFORE WE LEFT. SO THIS WAS OFF THE MARK AND, IN THE NATURE
OF THE OCCASION, VERY TOUGH.

NOW, LET ME SAY FROM THE BEGINNING IT WAS THE
PRESIDENT'S HOPE THAT HE COULD INCLUDE STOPS IN THAILAND,
VIETNAM, AND ROME. ~~THE~~ STOP IN ROME OBVIOUSLY INVOLVED AN
EXTRA EFFORT, BETWEEN THREE AND FIVE HOURS EXTRA FLYING
TIME, DEPENDING ON WHETHER WE DID IT FROM THAILAND OR DID
IT FROM VIETNAM. BUT THIS SEEMED LITTLE ENOUGH FOR THE
PRIVILEGE OF A SERIOUS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. THAT IS WHAT THE
PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE POPE WILL BE. LET ME LEAVE
YOU WITH NO DOUBTS AT ALL ABOUT THAT.

THE NEXT POINT WAS, BEFORE WE SET OUT TO PLAN, BEFORE
WE COULD MAKE ANY PLANS EFFECTIVELY, BEYOND MELBOURNE, WE HAD
TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE DID IN CANBERRA AND MELBOURNE.

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THE PRESIDENT HAD TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF VISITS AND CALLS RELATED TO THE MEMORIAL SERVICE. HE HAD TO PAY THE APPROPRIATE CALLS AND WANTED TO DO SO VERY STRONGLY, WITH THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT.

THEN WE HAD TO HANDLE WHAT, IN THE END, TURNED OUT TO BE NO LESS THAN 10 INFORMAL BUT IMPORTANT BILATERAL TALKS WITH MEN FROM THE OTHER NATIONS OF ASIA, MANY OF WHOSE SCHEDULES AND AVAILABILITY WAS NOT KNOWN UNTIL AFTER WE HAD ARRIVED AT CANBERRA.

JUST TO RUN THROUGH IT QUICKLY, AND I THINK YOU ALL KNOW IT, THE PRESIDENT SAW PRIME MINISTER HOLYOAKE OF NEW ZEALAND, THEN THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, THEN PRESIDENT PARK, THEN PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND, THEN THE FINANCE MINISTER OF LAOS, AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, HAD DINNER WITH THE PRESIDENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM, SAW PRESIDENT MARCOS OF THE PHILIPPINES LATE THAT EVENING, AND ON THE FOLLOWING DAY AT MELBOURNE SAW FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK OF INDONESIA, THE PRIME MINISTER OF SINGAPORE, AND THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA.

IN MANY CASES WE DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL WE GOT TO CANBERRA WHEN OR WHERE THOSE MEN WOULD BE AVAILABLE. SO IT WASN'T UNTIL WE GOT TO CANBERRA, AND LATE IN THE DAY THAT WE ALL SPENT THERE, THAT WE KNEW WHETHER WE COULD HOPE TO LEAVE MELBOURNE IN TIME TO OVERNIGHT IN THAILAND.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT WAS IF WE HAD TO STAY ON IN MELBOURNE, WE WOULD HAVE HAD TO SCHEDULE THIS AIRCRAFT IN A WAY THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN WORSE FOR YOUR SLEEP THAN WHAT WE HAVE DONE. WE ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE GONE STRAIGHT THROUGH FRIDAY NIGHT AND LANDED IN VIETNAM SATURDAY MORNING FOR THE KIND OF CEREMONY YOU HAD THIS MORNING.

THEN WE WOULD HAVE HAD THE PROBLEM OF SKIPPING EITHER THAILAND OR THE POPE, WHICH THE PRESIDENT WAS MOST RELUCTANT TO DO.

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THE NEXT PROBLEM AROSE IN TRYING TO WORK OUT THE VIETNAM SITUATION. WE DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL KORAT WHETHER WE COULD DO JUSTICE IN VIETNAM AND STILL REACH ROME AT AN HOUR APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE POPE.

OF COURSE, THAT ACCOUNTS FOR THE VERY EARLY HOUR YOU AWAKENED THIS MORNING AND THE FACT THAT WE ONLY SPENT AN HOUR AND HALF AT CAM RANH BAY.

WE WERE IN TOUCH WITH VIETNAM. WE WERE IN TOUCH WITH ROME. BUT THE EXCHANGES, PARTICULARLY ROME, WERE HAMPERED BY TIME ZONE DIFFERENCES AND BY THE CONTINUING PROBLEM THAT ALL THE SCHEDULING HAD TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE SMALL GROUP THAT COULD EFFECTIVELY WORK ON THIS KIND OF PROBLEM IN THE 10 OR 15 MINUTES THAT YOU GOT AROUND THE CANBERRA AND MELBOURNE SCHEDULE.

I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT THE CANBERRA AND MELBOURNE SCHEDULE WAS A BRUTAL ONE. SO THAT WAS A VERY COMPLEX PROBLEM. IT DEVELOPED AN ADDED FACTOR THAT COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIR FORCE ONE ARE ABSOLUTELY PERFECT IN THE CRITICAL SENSE THAT THEY ARE PRIMARILY DESIGNED FOR. THEY DO NOT OPERATE DIRECTLY TO ANY EMBASSIES. SO WE WERE DEALING WITH RELAYS THROUGH WASHINGTON.

NOW TO RESUME THIS NOW, PERHAPS TEDIOUS TALE, BUT I THINK ONE THAT AT LEAST GIVES YOU WHAT HAPPENED, WHEN WE FOUND AT KORAT THAT WE COULD DO ROME CONVENIENTLY TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE POPE, AND THAT HAD TO DO WITH THE HOUR OR ARRIVAL, AND, OF COURSE, BOTH HAD BEEN CONSULTED ON ALL ASPECTS. WE STILL HAD TO EXCHANGE MESSAGES DURING THE NIGHT TO GET IT IN FINAL SHAPE.

AS OF THE TIME WE WERE IN CAM RANH WE SENT A MESSAGE AND WE HAD NOT RECEIVED THE REPLY. IT WAS A MESSAGE CALLING FOR THE WHOLE SCHEDULE TO BE PUT TOGETHER. WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT REPLY, I AM TOLD, UNTIL AN HOUR AGO. I DON'T KNOW THE EXPLANATION OF THAT, BUT IT IS THE LITERAL FACT.

SO THAT UNTIL AN HOUR AGO THE REFINEMENTS OF SCHEDULE AND ALL THE REST WERE NOT WORKED OUT. I EMPHASIZE, AS I HAVE ALREADY DONE TO SOME OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY, THAT THIS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS. THERE WAS A CLEAR DESIRE ON BOTH SIDES TO HAVE THE MEETINGS. IT WAS A QUESTION OF ARRANGING, WITH THE KIND OF PRECISION THAT YOU HAVE IN A CASE OF THIS OR, EXACTLY HOW IT WOULD WORK BEFORE IT COULD BE MADE PUBLIC, BECAUSE THERE WAS ALWAYS THE VERY SMALL POSSIBILITY THAT SOME REAL HITCH WOULD DEVELOP SO THAT IT WOULD UNDERCUT THE WHOLE OPERATION.

IN THE END THAT DIDN'T TURN OUT TO BE THE CASE.

SO I WANT TO SAY TO YOU THAT THESE PROBLEMS, THE INHERENT DIFFICULTY OF THE TRIP ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE, THE PARTICULAR TIMING PROBLEMS, WHICH, OF COURSE, RELATED VERY MUCH TO THE FACT THAT WE ALL WANTED TO GET BACK WELL BEFORE CHRISTMAS, AND THE DIFFICULTIES OF COORDINATION, SORT OF FROM THE SADDLE, HAVE BEEN THE MAJOR PROBLEMS.

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YET YOU MAY WELL ASK (Y WE COULDN'T TELL YOU (AS SOON AS WE DID KNOW WHERE WE WERE GOING. WELL, THE ANSWER TO THAT, AND IT IS AN IMPORTANT ANSWER TO GET STRAIGHT, IN BOTH KORAT AND VIETNAM, BOTH KORAT AND VIETNAM WAS SECURITY.

I THINK YOU ALL UNDERSTAND HOW THAT RELATED TO VIETNAM. BUT WHAT YOU MAY NOT SEE AT ONCE IS THAT THE SECURITY OF THE VIETNAM VISIT WASHED RIGHT BACK TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF KORAT AS OUR SPECIFIC LANDING POINT IN THAILAND. IF HANOI KNEW EXACTLY WHERE WE WERE GOING TO GO AND WHEN, IT WAS THE CONSIDERED AND EARNEST ADVICE OF OUR MILITARY IN SAIGON THAT THE RISKS OF THE PRESIDENT COMING TO VIETNAM WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED, THE RISK SPECIFICALLY THAT THEY WOULD GUESS AT LEAST THE TIME OF OUR VIETNAM STOP.

WHILE CAM RANH IS OUTWARDLY COMPLETELY SECURE, THE AREA HAS NOT BEEN IMMUNE FROM INCIDENTS. SO THIS WAS A SIGNIFICANT POINT STRESSED BY OUR OWN MILITARY.

MANY OF YOU WERE PRESENT WHEN THE PRESIDENT VISITED CAM RANH LAST YEAR FROM MANILA, AND THERE WE HAD A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO THAT TIMING SECURITY PROBLEM IN THE SENSE THAT WE HAD A COMPLETE COVER PLAN. WE WERE ALL SET TO GO TO BANGKOK ON THE FACE OF THINGS. THIS TIME WE HAD NO COVER, AND THE WHOLE WORLD, INCLUDING EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR PROFESSION, PRETTY WELL HAD IT TAPED THAT WE WERE BOUND TO GO TO VIETNAM.

NOW, LET ME ADD, AS TO KORAT THERE WAS ONE ADDITIONAL LOCAL SECURITY FACTOR. THE THAI DO HAVE INSURGENTS AND A ONE-SHOT EFFORT COULD NOT BE RULED OUT, EVEN THOUGH THE CHANCES OF IT WERE OBVIOUSLY VERY SMALL.

SO OUR MILITARY IN THAILAND RIGHTLY TOOK THE POSITION THAT THE PLANNING SHOULD BE DEAD TIGHT, AND THEY AND THE PEOPLE IN VIETNAM, LIKE THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY TAKING THEIR ADVICE, WOULD HAVE LIKE TO HAVE HELD THE EXACT SPOT WHERE WE LANDED UNTIL THE PRESIDENT LEFT. WE KNEW THAT WOULD BE TOUGH AND IT TURNED OUT SO, BUT I WANT TO EXPLAIN WHY WE DID AND WHY YOU WERE ASKED NOT TO FILE LAST NIGHT.

SO THAT IS THE GUTS OF THE STORY. WE ARE VERY SORRY FOR THE CONDITIONS OF THE TRIP. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING IN HINDSIGHT THAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE THAT WOULD HAVE MADE IT ANY PICNIC. EVEN IF WE HAD HEADED HOME TODAY WE WOULD BE SAVING THREE OR FOUR HOURS AT MOST ACROSS THE PACIFIC. IT WAS THE PRESIDENT'S FIRM FEELING THAT A SERIOUS CONVERSATION WITH THE POPE ON A SUBJECT IN WHICH HIS HOLINESS IS DEEPLY AND WIDELY INFORMED WAS AN IMPORTANT AND WORTHWHILE THING TO DO.

WELL, I HAVE TAKEN UP TOO MUCH OF YOUR TIME BUT I THOUGHT IT WOULD INTEREST YOU TO GO BEHIND THE SCENES AND PERHAPS TRY TO SEE IT AS WE WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE PLANNING END HAVE HAD TO DO DURING THE WHOLE THING.

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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FROM TOM JOHNSON
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FOLLOWING IS LIST OF CORRESPONDENTS, PHOTOGRAPHERS AND
TECHNICIANS WHO WERE ABOARD THE PRESS PLANE ON THE
AROUND-THE-WORLD TOUR WHOM WE BELIEVE SHOULD RECEIVE THE
PHOTO BOOKS:

NAME:

AFFILIATION:

WIRE SERVICES:
MERRIMAN SMITH
FRANK CORRIER
JOHN HEFFERNAN

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NEW YORK TIMES
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS
WASHINGTON POST
WASHINGTON STAR
BALTIMORE SUN
PHILADELPHIA BULLETIN
NEWHOUSE NEWSPAPERS
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CHICAGO DAILY NEWS
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH
LOS ANGELES TIMES
HOUSTON CHRONICLE
UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

MAGAZINES:
HUGH-SIDNEY
CHARLES ROBERTS
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TIME MAGAZINE
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U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

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ABC NEWS
COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM
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FRANK CANCELLARE	UPI-PHOTOS
DON CARL STEFFEN	TIME MAGAZINE-PHOTOS
FRANCIS MILLER	LIFE MAGAZINE-PHOTOS
MURRAY ALVEY	ABC-TV
CHARLES ROPPOLO	ABC-TV
RALPH SANTOS	CBS-TV
CHARLES FRANKS	CBS-TV
CAL MARLIN	CBS-TV
CLARK THOMPSON	CBS-TV
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FROM BUNDY
TO WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM
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PLEASE SET UP FOLLOWING MESSAGE IN DEPARTMENT FOR FLASH
TRANSMISSION UPON RECEIPT OF OUR EXECUTE MESSAGE. DO NOT REPEAT
NOT TRANSMIT UNTIL YOU HAVE OUR EXECUTE WHICH WILL BE IN FORM
OF INSTRUCTION TO SEND FLORIDA MESSAGES.

FIRST MESSAGE IS SECRET EXDIS TO RAWALPINDI OR ISLAMABAD
EYES ONLY FOR OEHLERT, AS FOLLOWS:

1. PLANS NOW FIRM FOR AIRCRAFT TO REACH KARACHI ABOUT 1355
LOCAL TIME FOR REFUELING. PLEASE ADVISE AYUB AT ONCE, AND APOLOGIZE
FOR DELAY WHICH CAUSED BY NEED TO CONFIRM REST OF ONWARD SCHEDULE.
2. PLEASE STRESS AGAIN VITAL IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING SECRECY
ON THIS ARRIVAL. WE PLAN NO ANNOUNCEMENT AND SECRECY IS TRULY VITAL.
3. PRESIDENT WILL OF COURSE BE HAPPY TO MEET AYUB IF HE COMES
TO AIRPORT. BUT DOES NOT WISH TO INCONVENIENCE HIM AND WILL OF
COURSE UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY IF THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE ON SUCH
SHORT NOTICE. ABOVE ALL DO NOT REPEAT NOT GIVE ANY
EXPECTATION THAT PRESIDENT CAN STAY LONGER THAN MINIMUM REFUELING
TIME, WHICH IS CRUCIAL TO MEETING ONWARD SCHEDULE.
4. CONFIRM ACTION TAKEN BY FLASH MESSAGE TO DEPARTMENT,
WHICH WILL RELAY TO PRESIDENT'S PARTY VIA WHITE HOUSE SITUATION
ROOM. END.

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FROM ROSTOW AND BUNDY
TO WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM
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PLEASE HAVE DEPARTMENT SEND FOLLOWING FLASH EXDIS MESSAGE
AT ONCE TO EMBASDW ROME EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR

1. WE HAVE JUST TALKED TO FOLEY IN ROME WHO WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AS YOU AT THIS. GIST OF OUR MESSAGE TO HIM, AND TO YOU NOW, IS:
 - A. WE ARE NOW SET UP TO ARRIVE BETWEEN 1800 AND 1830 LOCAL TIME IN ROME SATURDAY.
 - B. ADVANCE PARTY WILL MOVE HELICOPTERS TO ROME AT FIRST LIGHT SATURDAY MORNING. THEY WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTS THAT COULD BE INSTALLED AT SARAGAT VILLA AND AT VATICAN. HENCE WE WOULD PROPOSE TO FOLLOW SCHEDULE PICKING UP ON ARRIVAL AND CALLING FOR FIRST CALL ON SARAGAT FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES (NOT LONGER) AND THEN VATICAN, AND THEN RETURN TO AIRPORT. ADVANCE PARTY SHOULD BE ABLE TO SET UP LIGHTS AND RECONNOITER ROUTE CAREFULLY.
 - C. PRESENT PLAN IS ARRIVAL FIUMICINO. HOWEVER, WE ARE CHECKING OUT MILITARY AIRPORT AT CIAMPINO, WHICH MAY BE ADEQUATE. PLEASE GET GOI VIEW ON SECURITY PROBLEMS OF ONE VERSUS THE OTHER.
 - D. IMMEDIATE NEED IS GOI CLEARANCE AT HIGHEST LEVELS THAT THIS PLAN IS SATISFACTORY AND AGREEABLE TO THEM. THIS YOU SHOULD BE GETTING URGENTLY. WE MUST KNOW FOR FINAL DECISION BY NOT LATER THAN 0500 THAILAND TIME.
 - E. WE BELIEVE WE MUST AT ALL COST AVOID ANY ANNOUNCEMENT AND PARTICULARLY ANY INDICATION OF TIME. PLEASE STRESS TO GOI EXTREME IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING SECURITY FROM EVERY STANDPOINT.
2. SEND YOUR REPLY FLASH TO WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM IN DEPARTMENT CHANNELS, FOR IMMEDIATE RELAY TO US. HAVE FOLEY USE PHONE CONNECTIONS, WHICH HE KNOWS, TO GIVE US DOUBLE CHANNEL.

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TO MARVIN WATSON
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MESSAGE FROM ROBERT ANDERSON SAYING HE HAS WATCHES
AT TERMS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE
IN NEW YORK ON SATURDAY. WE WILL GET THEM TO WASHINGTON
BY SATURDAY NIGHT.

MYER FELDMAN REPORTS 10 LE COULTRE WATCHES WILL BE
AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON ON FRIDAY.

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FROM FRED PANZER
TO GEORGE CHRISTIAN
CITE WH70596

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SUBJECT: PRESS LOG DECEMBER 21, 1967 AM'S

LBJ IN AUSTRALIA COVERAGE IS FRONT PAGED WITH PIX WASH.
POST, N.Y. TIMES, BALT. SUN. BUT IT IS NOT LEAD STORY.

BOTH TIMES AND POST FEATURE THIEU REACTION IN NUMBER
ONE SPOT. BALT. SUN FEATURES NEW BRITISH EFFORT TO GET IN
COMMON MARKET; THIEU STORY IS ON PAGE TWO.

POST STORY OF REACTION HEADED SIMPLY: "THIEU REPLIES
ON NLF. SAIGON LEADER SEEMS TO DIFFER WITH JOHNSON,"
ADDING IT CAUSED MAJOR CONFUSION AND SOME ANGER FOR THE
SECOND TIME THIS MONTH OVER "APPARENT" DIFFERENCES IN POLICY.
THIEU REPEATED A SIMILAR STATEMENT IN HIS SINGAPORE STOP-
OVER. BUNKER AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS WERE SAYING THERE IS
NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN U.S. AND SVN.

N.Y. TIMES HEADED FLATLY: "THIEU TURNS DOWN JOHNSON'S
APPEAL FOR TALKS WITH FOE." THE STORY BY R.W. APPLE EMPHASISES
A SPLIT; SAYS THIEU "ALL BUT OPENLY REJECTED" LBJ'S PLEA.
AN INSERT SAYS OFFICIALS WITH LBJ HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE
THIEU WAS IN ANYWAY PERTURBED BY THE PRESIDENT'S SUGGESTION.
THIEU'S CABINET WAS THROWN INTO A TURMOIL BY NEWS OF LBJ'S
REMARKS, APPLE ADDS.

(UPI MOVING LBJ-THIEU STATEMENT 9:17 A.M. TODAY; AP
9:23 A.M. THIS SHOULD CORRECT SITUATION.)

BALT. SUN FRONT PAGED A STATE DEPT. BACKGROUNDER ON
U.S. HOPES THAT WIDER CONTACTS WILL HELP SAIGON SPLIT THE
NLF.

COVERAGE OF LBJ PARTY

KILPATRICK: STRAIGHT STORY OF EVENTS BUT ADDS CHRISTIAN DECLINES TO SAY WHERE LBJ HEADED AFTER SERVICES.

FRANKEL COVERAGE ALSO STRAIGHT NEWS BUT ADDS SPECULATION THAT LBJ MAY STOP TO SEE U.S. TROOPS IN THAILAND OR VIETNAM. DOBBIN'S DITTO, ADDING STAFFERS DISCOURAGING THE IMPRESSION THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MIGHT HOLD AN UNOFFICIAL SUMMIT. KILPATRICK AND FRANKEL NOTED VALENTI AND BUSBY IN PARTY.

OTHER NEWS

WASH. POST: LBJ TELECAST WAS EDITED FOR SECURITY REASONS. NETWORK OFFICIAL SAID THE CUTS "DID NOT SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGE" WHAT LBJ SAID ON VIETNAM BUT CUT HIS EMPHASIS ON ONE POINT HE BROUGHT UP REPEATEDLY. THAT POINT THE POST SAID WAS THE NEED FOR SAIGON-NLF TALKS. NETWORK REFUSED TO COMMENT. POST SAYS FIVE CUTS WERE MADE (ONE CUT RESTORED) AT WH REQUEST; ONE RESTORATION REFUSED.

N.Y. TIMES, ON THE SAME SUBJECT, SAYS CBS TOLD ITS VIEWERS THAT THE PROGRAM HAD BEEN SUBJECT TO WH SCRUTINY FOR NATIONAL POLICY AND SECURITY REASONS. ALSO THAT SEC. RUSK REQUESTED CUT OF A FEW OF LBJ'S "PERIPHERAL" REMARKS ON VN CONFLICT. NBC AND ABC MADE NO ANNOUNCEMENT. MANY DETAILS OF PRODUCTION AND LBJ'S CONCERN ABOUT HIS VIDEO IMAGE. TIMES SAYS LBJ'S AUDIENCE FOR TELECAST WAS ABOUT 52 MILLION PERSONS. HIS FIRST TELECAST IN MARCH 1964 REACHED 38 MILLION. IN DECEMBER 1962 JFK REACHED 48 MILLION.

EDITORIALS

WASH. POST REACTS TO TELECAST

(1) CALLS LBJ EFFORTS AT SAIGON-NLF TALKS "A CONSTRUCTIVE STEP HOWEVER SHARP THE IMMEDIATE REACTION FROM SAIGON." IF THERE IS ANY HOPE IN THIS APPROACH IT MUST NOT BE DASHED BY ANYTHING DONE, OR LEFT UNDONE, BY THIS COUNTRY OR ITS SOUTH VIETNAM ALLY.

(2) PREFERS MODEST NEGATIVE INCOME TAX TO PLAN TO MAKE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES OF LAST RESORT.

BALT. SUN. APPROVES OF WHAT LBJ SAID ABOUT THE NEED FOR JOBS BUT SCOLDS THE GOVERNMENT FOR POOR FISCAL, ECONOMIC AND SPENDING PRACTICES THAT HURT THE CONDITIONS THAT LEAD TO MORE JOBS.

N.Y. TIMES. STILL NO REACTION TO TELECAST. IT COMMENTS, HOWEVER, ON THE VOTING RECORD OF 90TH CONGRESS AND AGREES WITH CQ'S FINDING THAT GOP-SOUTHERN DEMOCRAT COALITION IS BACK IN CONTROL.

COLUMNS - THE ANTI-LBJ CLACQUE REACTS:

WICKER: JOHNSON ON TV IN HIS APPRAISAL GETS ONE PARAGRAPH OF PRAISE AND THE REST CRITICISM FOR NOT SHOWING HIS MORE HUMAN, RELAXED SIDE, BEING IN A CONTENTIOUS MOOD, YIELDING NOTHING TO HIS CRITICS, BEING TESTY WITH THE REPORTERS, LINKING RFK TO MCCARTHY WITH A HYPHEN, AND BEING OUT OF TOUCH WITH YOUTH.

KRAFT: IT'S UNTRUE AS LBJ SAID THAT AMERICANS "MOURN HIM (HOLT) WITH ALL THE GRIEF THAT AUSTRALIANS FEEL." "BY UTTERING SUCH UNTRUTHS, THE PRESIDENT FEEDS FURTHER A GENERAL MISTRUST OF HIS MOTIVES" AND THE SUSPICION THAT "HE IS USING A TRAGIC OCCASION TO BUILD HIMSELF UP AS A WARTIME LEADER."

BUCHWALD: DOES A BIT ON A CITIZEN'S RESPONSE TO LBJ'S PLEA TO END THE WAR. HE TRIES TO GET INTO WHITE HOUSE WEST GATE BUT IS CARTED OFF IN AN AMBULANCE.

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COMMON MARKET; THIEU STORY IS ON PAGE TWO.

POST STORY OF REACTION HEADED SIMPLY: "THIEU REPLIES
ON NLF. SAIGON LEADER SEEMS TO DIFFER WITH JOHNSON,"
ADDING IT CAUSED MAJOR CONFUSION AND SOME ANGER FOR THE
SECOND TIME THIS MONTH OVER "APPARENT" DIFFERENCES IN POLICY.
THIEU REPEATED A SIMILAR STATEMENT IN HIS SINGAPORE STOP-
OVER. BUNKER AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS WERE SAYING THERE IS
NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN U.S. AND SVN.

N.Y. TIMES HEADED FLATLY: "THIEU TURNS DOWN JOHNSON'S
APPEAL FOR TALKS WITH FOE." THE STORY BY R.W. APPLE EMPHASISES
A SPLIT; SAYS THIEU "ALL BUT OPENLY REJECTED" LBJ'S PLEA.
AN INSERT SAYS OFFICIALS WITH LBJ HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE
THIEU WAS IN ANYWAY PERTURBED BY THE PRESIDENT'S SUGGESTION.
THIEU'S CABINET WAS THROWN INTO A TURMOIL BY NEWS OF LBJ'S
REMARKS, APPLE ADDS.

(UPI MOVING LBJ-THIEU STATEMENT 9:17 A.M. TODAY; AP
9:23 A.M. THIS SHOULD CORRECT SITUATION.)

BALT. SUN FRONT PAGED A STATE DEPT. BACKGROUNDER ON
U.S. HOPES THAT WIDER CONTACTS WILL HELP SAIGON SPLIT THE
NLF.

COVERAGE OF LBJ PARTY

KILPATRICK: STRAIGHT STORY OF EVENTS BUT ADDS CHRISTIAN DECLINES TO SAY WHERE LBJ HEADED AFTER SERVICES.

FRANKEL COVERAGE ALSO STRAIGHT NEWS BUT ADDS SPECULATION THAT LBJ MAY STOP TO SEE U.S. TROOPS IN THAILAND OR VIETNAM. DOBBIN'S DITTO, ADDING STAFFERS DISCOURAGING THE IMPRESSION THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MIGHT HOLD AN UNOFFICIAL SUMMIT. KILPATRICK AND FRANKEL NOTED VALENTI AND BUSBY IN PARTY.

OTHER NEWS

WASH. POST: LBJ TELECAST WAS EDITED FOR SECURITY REASONS. NETWORK OFFICIAL SAID THE CUTS "DID NOT SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGE" WHAT LBJ SAID ON VIETNAM BUT CUT HIS EMPHASIS ON ONE POINT HE BROUGHT UP REPEATEDLY. THAT POINT THE POST SAID WAS THE NEED FOR SAIGON-NLF TALKS. NETWORK REFUSED TO COMMENT. POST SAYS FIVE CUTS WERE MADE (ONE CUT RESTORED) AT WH REQUEST; ONE RESTORATION REFUSED.

N.Y. TIMES, ON THE SAME SUBJECT, SAYS CBS TOLD ITS VIEWERS THAT THE PROGRAM HAD BEEN SUBJECT TO WH SCRUTINY FOR NATIONAL POLICY AND SECURITY REASONS. ALSO THAT SEC. RUSK REQUESTED CUT OF A FEW OF LBJ'S "PERIPHERAL" REMARKS ON VN CONFLICT. NBC AND ABC MADE NO ANNOUNCEMENT. MANY DETAILS OF PRODUCTION AND LBJ'S CONCERN ABOUT HIS VIDEO IMAGE. TIMES SAYS LBJ'S AUDIENCE FOR TELECAST WAS ABOUT 52 MILLION PERSONS. HIS FIRST TELECAST IN MARCH 1964 REACHED 38 MILLION. IN DECEMBER 1962 JFK REACHED 48 MILLION.

EDITORIALS

WASH. POST REACTS TO TELECAST

- (1) CALLS LBJ EFFORTS AT SAIGON-NLF TALKS "A CONSTRUCTIVE STEP HOWEVER SHARP THE IMMEDIATE REACTION FROM SAIGON." IF THERE IS ANY HOPE IN THIS APPROACH IT MUST NOT BE DASHED BY ANYTHING DONE, OR LEFT UNDONE, BY THIS COUNTRY OR ITS SOUTH VIETNAM ALLY.
- (2) PREFERS MODEST NEGATIVE INCOME TAX TO PLAN TO MAKE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES OF LAST RESORT.

BALT.SUN. APPROVES OF WHAT LBJ SAID ABOUT THE NEED FOR JOBS BUT SCOLDS THE GOVERNMENT FOR POOR FISCAL, ECONOMIC AND SPENDING PRACTICES THAT HURT THE CONDITIONS THAT LEAD TO MORE JOBS.

N.Y. TIMES. STILL NO REACTION TO TELECAST. IT COMMENTS, HOWEVER, ON THE VOTING RECORD OF 90TH CONGRESS AND AGREES WITH CQ'S FINDING THAT GOP-SOUTHERN DEMOCRAT COALITION IS BACK IN CONTROL.

COLUMNS - THE ANTI-LBJ CLACQUE REACTS:

WICKER: JOHNSON ON TV IN HIS APPRAISAL GETS ONE PARAGRAPH OF PRAISE AND THE REST CRITICISM FOR NOT SHOWING HIS MORE HUMAN, RELAXED SIDE, BEING IN A CONTENTIOUS MOOD, YIELDING NOTHING TO HIS CRITICS, BEING TESTY WITH THE REPORTERS, LINKING RFK TO MCCARTHY WITH A HYPHEN, AND BEING OUT OF TOUCH WITH YOUTH.

KRAFT: IT'S UNTRUE AS LBJ SAID THAT AMERICANS "MOURN HIM (HOLT) WITH ALL THE GRIEF THAT AUSTRALIANS FEEL." "BY UTTERING SUCH UNTRUTHS, THE PRESIDENT FEEDS FURTHER A GENERAL MISTRUST OF HIS MOTIVES" AND THE SUSPICION THAT "HE IS USING A TRAGIC OCCASION TO BUILD HIMSELF UP AS A WARTIME LEADER."

BUCHWALD: DOES A BIT ON A CITIZEN'S RESPONSE TO LBJ'S PLEA TO END THE WAR. HE TRIES TO GET INTO WHITE HOUSE WEST GATE BUT IS CARTED OFF IN AN AMBULANCE.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 1967

To Canberra OK

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~~TO:~~ ~~George Christian~~

~~FROM:~~ ~~Fred Panzer~~

SUBJECT: Press Log December 21, 1967 AM's

LBJ in Australia coverage is front paged with pix Wash. Post, N.Y. Times, Balt. Sun. But it is not lead story.

Both Times and Post feature Thieu reaction in number one spot. Balt. Sun features new British effort to get in Common Market; Thieu story is on page two.

Post story of reaction headed simply: "Thieu Replies on NLF. Saigon leader seem^s to differ with Johnson," adding it caused major confusion and some anger for the second time this month over "apparent" differences in policy. Thieu repeated a similar statement in his Singapore stopover. Bunker and American officials were saying there is no difference between U.S. and SVN.

Down

N.Y. Times headed flatly: "Thieu Turns/Johnson's Appeal for Talks with Foe," The story by R W Apple emphasises a split; says Thieu "all but openly rejected" LBJ's plea. An insert says officials with LBJ had no reason to believe Thieu was in anyway perturbed by the President's suggestion. Thieu's cabinet was thrown into a turmoil by news of LBJ's remarks, Apple adds.

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(UPI moving LBJ-Thieu statement 9:17 am today; AP 9:23 am. This should correct situation.)

Balt. Sun front paged a State Dept. backgrounder on U.S. hopes that wider contacts will help Saigon split the NLF.

Coverage of LBJ party

Kilpatrick: Straight story of events but adds Christian declines to say where LBJ headed after services.

Frankel coverage also straight news but adds speculation that LBJ may stop to see U.S. troops in Thailand or Vietnam. Dobbin's ditto, adding staffers discouraging the impression the heads of government might hold an unofficial summit. Kilpatrick and Frankel noted Valenti and Busby in party.

Other ~~Front page~~ news

Wash. Post: LBJ Telecast was edited for security reasons. Network official said the cuts "did not substantially change" what LBJ said on Vietnam but cut his emphasis on one point he brought up repeatedly. That point the Post said was the need for Saigon-NLF talks. Network refused to comment. Post says five cuts were made (one cut restored) at WH request; one restoration refused.

N.Y. Times, on the same subject, says CBS told its viewers that the program had been subject to WH scrutiny for national policy and security reasons. Also that Sec. Rusk requested cut of a few of LBJ's "peripheral" remarks on VN conflict. NBC and ABC made no announcement. Many details of production and LBJ's concern about his video image. Times says LBJ's audience for telecast was about 52 million persons. His first telecast in March 1964 reached 38 million. In December 1962 JFK reached 48 million.

Editorials

Wash. Post reacts to telecast

- (1) Calls LBJ efforts at Saigon-NLF talks "a constructive step however sharp the immediate reaction from Saigon."
If there is any hope in this approach it must not be dashed by anything done, or left undone, by this country or its South Vietnam ally.
- (2) Prefers modest negative income tax to plan to make Federal Government employees of last resort.

Balt. Sun. Approves of what LBJ said about the need for jobs but scolds the government for poor fiscal, economic and spending practices

that hurt the conditions that lead to more jobs.

N.Y. Times. Still no reaction to telecast. It comments, however, on the voting record of 90th Congress and agrees with CQ's finding that GOP-Southern Democrat coalition is back in control.

Columns - The anti-LBJ clacque reacts:

Wicker: Johnson on TV in his appraisal gets one paragraph of praise and the rest criticism for not showing his more human, relaxed side, being in a contentious mood, yielding nothing to his critics, being testy with the reporters, linking RFK to McCarthy with a hyphen, and being out of touch with youth.

Kraft: It's untrue as LBJ said that Americans "mourn him (Holt) with all the grief that Australians feel." "By uttering such untruths, the President feeds further a general mistrust of his motives" and the suspicion that "he is using a tragic occasion to build himself up as a wartime leader."

Buchwald: Does a bit on a citizen's response to LBJ's plea to end the war. He tries to get into West Gate but is carted off in an ambulance.

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TO MARVIN WATSON
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DECEMBER 19, 1967

SET OUT BELOW IS THE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS FOR
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH.

1. PRESS LOG PM

WASHINGTON STAR

ON PAGE ONE-LOCAL NEWS DOMINATES FRONT PAGE. STORY OF
AUSTRALIA TRIP PLAYED BELOW THE FOLD. FORMAL SUMMIT
RULED OUT BUT THERE WILL BE INFORMAL BILATERAL TALKS.
GARNETT HORNER ALSO SPECULATES LBJ WILL VISIT VIETNAM
OR MEET WESTMORELAND IN MANILA.

BOX ITEM SAYS YUKI TRIED TO BOARD THE HELICOPTER BUT WAS STOPPED
BY AN AIDE.

INSIDE PAGES-GOV. BRANIGIN MAY STAND IN FOR LBJ IN INDIANA
PRIMARY. HE SAID PRESIDENT INVITED HIM TO A CONFERENCE
DURING THE HOLIDAYS AND PRAISED HIS STRONG VIETNAM BACKING.
IF BRANIGIN STANDS IN, HE WOULD OPPOSE SEN. HARTKE, A VIET
WAR CRITIC.

EDITORIAL

TRIBUTE TO HAROLD HOLT ENDS WITH COMMENT: "IT IS FITTING THAT
PRESIDENT JOHNSON IS FLYING TO MELBOURNE FOR THE MEMORIAL
SERVICES."

COLUMNS

NOYES: MCCARTHY IS "UTTERLY UNPERSUASIVE" IN HIS CRITICISM. BUT HE IS NOT OUT TO PERSUADE PEOPLE. HE WANTS TO CAPITALIZE ON WIDE SPREAD DISCONTENT OVER THE WAR. MCCARTHY'S CYNICISM IS CHARACTERISTIC OF THE MAN.

LAWRENCE: NIXON IS AHEAD IN THE RACE FOR THE GOP NOMINATION BASED ON GALLUP POLL OF REPUBLICAN COUNTY CHAIRMEN. ROCK-EFELLER WOULD HAVE BEEN STRONGER IF HE HAD SUPPORTED GOLDWATER IN 1964.

2. POLITICS

--REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS PREDICTED THAT GOP WILL CAPTURE FIVE NEW GOVERNORSHIPS, BUT THE STATES WERE NOT NAMED.

--SENATOR MCGOVERN ACCUSED GENERAL WHEELER OF BEING "IRRESPONSIBLE" FOR BLAMING VIETNAM FAILURE ON WAR CRITICS. REP. STRATTON SAID US WAS MAKING "REMARKABLE" VIETNAM PROGRESS AFTER INSPECTION TRIP.

--REP. JOHN MURPHY, D-NY, CHARGED LINDSAY'S "INDIFFERENCE" CAUSED MARCUS SCANDAL. LINDSAY SAID HE FIRED MARCUS.

--SENATOR HARTKE IS CONSIDERING ENTERING THE INDIANA PRIMARY TO OPPOSE GOVERNOR BRANIGIN.

3. THE ECONOMY

--THE STOCK MARKET WENT THROUGH IRREGULAR DECLINE WITH ACTIVE TRADING. DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE DROPPED .20 TO 831.36.

--AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED RECORD HARVESTS OF CORN, WHEAT, SOYBEANS, PEANUTS, RICE AND OTHER CROPS, BUT FARMERS STILL SUFFERING.

--COMMERCE DEPARTMENT REPORTS IMPRESSIVE GAINS IN NOVEMBER ORDERS FOR DURABLE GOODS.

--GOLD SPECULATION EASED TODAY ON INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS AS A RESULT OF US SATURDAY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT WOULD HOLD PRICE AT \$35 AN OUNCE. ALGERIA REPORTED TO BE BIG BUYER, ON ORDERS FROM DEGAULLE.


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FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM Larry Levinson 

cc: George Christian

Set out below is the summary of significant events for
Tuesday, December 19th.

1. Press Log PM

Washington Star

On page one - Local news dominates front page. Story of
Australia trip played below the fold. Formal summit
ruled out but there will be informal bilateral talks.
Garnett Horner also speculates LBJ will visit Vietnam
or meet Westmoreland in Manila.

Box item says Yuki tried to board the helicopter but was stopped
by an aide.

Inside pages - Gov. Branigin may stand in for LBJ in Indiana
primary. He said President invited him to a conference
during the holidays and praised his strong Vietnam backing.
If Branigin stands in, he would oppose Sen. Hartke, a Viet
war critic.

Editorial

Tribute to Harold Holt ends with comment: "It is fitting that President Johnson is flying to Melbourne for the memorial services.

Columns

Noyes: McCarthy is "utterly unpersuasive" in his criticism. But he is not out to persuade people. He wants to capitalize on wide spread discontent over the war. McCarthy's cynicism is characteristic of the man.

Lawrence: Nixon is ahead in the race for the GOP nomination based on Gallup poll of Republican county chairmen. Rockefeller would have been stronger if he had supported Goldwater in 1964.

2. Politics

- Republican Governors predicted that GOP will capture five new governorships, but the states were not named.
- Senator McGovern accused General Wheeler of being "irresponsible" for blaming Vietnam failure on war critics. Rep. Stratton said US was making "remarkable" Vietnam progress after inspection trip.

-- Rep. John Murphy, D-NY, charged Lindsay's "indifference" caused Marcus scandal. Lindsay said he fired Marcus.

-- Senator Hartke is considering entering the Indiana primary to oppose Governor Branigin.

3. The Economy

-- The stock market went through irregular decline with active trading. Dow Jones industrial average dropped .20 to 881.36.

-- Agriculture Department announced record harvests of corn, wheat, soybeans, peanuts, rice and other crops, but farmers still suffering.

-- Commerce Department reports impressive gains in November orders for durable goods.

-- Gold speculation eased today on international money markets as a result of US Saturday announcement that it would hold price at \$35 an ounce. Algeria reported to be big buyer, on orders from DeGaulle.

4. Other Events

- Interior Department announced assistance to storm stricken Indians. Weather conditions are improving.
- O'Brien reports that the movement of Christmas mail throughout the country is good. No serious congestion or backlogs exist.
- ~~UN General Assembly voted today to accept US and Soviet compromise on non-proliferation treaty.~~ #

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MINUTES ON PRESIDENT JOHNSON IN CANBERRA. SHEN ASKED ME TO MAKE REQUEST THROUGH OUR CHANNELS ALSO.

2. WHILE I REALIZE, AS DOES GRC, THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S

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2. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR ARRIVAL CANBERRA BETWEEN 0800 AND 0900 HOURS THURSDAY, REMAINING IN CANBERRA OVERNIGHT AND DEPARTING FOR MELBOURNE FRIDAY MORNING IN TIME FOR CEREMONIES.

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TIME). HE WILL STAY AT RESIDENCE OF NZ HIGH COMMISSIONER.

2. PRIMIN HAS AGREED TO BILATERAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT IN
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WE HAVE HEARD FROM PRESIDENT THIEU'S BROTHER, NGUYEN VAN KIEU, THAT THERE WAS SOME TALK BETWEEN THIEU AND THE PRESIDENT AT CANBERRA REGARDING A POSSIBLE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES BY THIEU. MAY WAS MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE DATE. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU COULD GIVE ME ABOUT THIS.
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TO THE WHITE HOUSE LITERALLY EYES ONLY FOR BRONLEY SMITH

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1. AMBASSADOR BUNKER HAS ASKED ME TO REPLY TO YOUR MOST RECENT MESSAGE.
2. KORAT VISIT HAS BEEN TIGHTLY HELD. GENERAL MONYER IS NOW AT KORAT SUPERVISING ARRANGMENTS AND IS AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF NO PRESS FILING FROM THERE TONIGHT. EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THAILAND OR TO VIET-NAM.
3. IN MY JUDGMENT, CAN RANH BAY IS THE MOST SECURE AND DESIRABLE PLACE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO VISIT AND SEE TROOPS. IT'S CENTRAL GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION FACILITATES THE MOVEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS OF MEN FROM EACH SERVICE AND MAJOR COMMANDS. WE HAD PLANNED ON A LONGER VISIT THAN ONE AND A HALF HOURS, BUT WILL BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR GUIDANCE. ONE HALF HOUR WILL BE DEVOTED TO A DECORATION CEREMONY, AT WHICH TIME HIGHEST AUTHORITY CAN SPEAK TO THE TROOPS; ONE HALF HOUR TO VISITING HOSPITAL WHERE APPROXIMATELY 40 PURPLE HEARTS CAN BE PRESENTED; ONE HALF HOUR FOR VISIT WITH SENIOR COMRADES.
4. WE ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY COMMUNICATING WITH BOB HOPE, AND IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO GET A SECURE MESSAGE TO HIM AT THIS LATE HOUR WITH REFERENCE TO HIS PRESENCE AT KORAT TONIGHT. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE HAS POSTPONED HIS 1100 HOURS SHOW IN UDON SO THAT HE COULD SEE HIGHEST AUTHORITY TOMORROW MORNING AND TRAVEL WITH HIM TO CAN RANH BAY IF DESIRED. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO FLY HIM TO UDON IN TIME FOR HIS SCHEDULED PERFORMANCE.
5. GENERAL MONYER WILL MEET YOU UPON ARRIVAL AT KORAT AND PLACE YOU IN CONTACT WITH ME BY SECURE VOICE TELEPHONE SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS DETAILS.

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1. FOR SECURITY REASONS WESTY AND I BELIEVE PREFERABLE FOR
PRESIDENT PUTDOWN AT KORAT FIRST WITH ARRIVAL VIETNAM 10 A.M.
SATURDAY. WE WILL PLAN HERE ACCORDINGLY.

2. WE BOTH GREATLY APPRECIATE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO JOIN
HIM IN AUSTRALIA BUT IN VIEW ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE AND
COMMITMENTS FEEL WE SHOULD REMAIN HERE. GENELOCKE IS IN U.S. AND
FOR THIS REASON ALSO I BELIEVE I SHOULD BE HERE. PLEASE TELL
PRESIDENT WE BOTH DELIGHTED AT PROSPECT HIS VISIT. IT WILL
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1. WE HAVE LOOKED INTO THE QUESTION OF OVERNIGHT STOP AT UBON ON FRIDAY. GENERAL MOMYER REPORTS THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ACCOMMODATE PARTY OF 200 AT UBON. PARTY COULD BE ACCOMMODATED AT KORAT AND THIS WOULD BE FIRST CHOICE. SECOND CHOICE WOULD BE TAKHLI. UBON WOULD BE A POOR THIRD.
2. WESTMORELAND, MOMYER AND I ARE ALL AGREED THAT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF SECURITY IT WOULD BE MUCH PREFERABLE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO PUT DOWN IN VIET-NAM FIRST. COULD NOT ORDER BE REVERSED PUTTING DOWN IN THAILAND AFTER VIET-NAM STOP? MOMYER CAN HAVE PILOTS FROM OTHER BASES ASSEMBLED WHEREVER PRESIDENT PUTS DOWN. BUNKER

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TO THE WHITE HOUSE, EYES ONLY FOR WALT ROSTOW

IN VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL PLANS, I ASSUME THAT HE WILL NOT
WISH THE REGULAR WEEKLY TELEGRAM THIS WEEK. IF YOU AGREE, WE WILL
DROP IT THIS WEEK AND ADDRESS OURSELVES INSTEAD TO COMMENTS THAT
MIGHT BE USEFUL TO THE PRESIDENT IN HIS BI-LATERAL TALKS WITH PRESI-
DENT THIEU IN CANBERRA. IN VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE TIME FROM
WASHINGTON, WE WILL SEND THESE COMMENTS DIRECT TO THE EMBASSY
IN CANBERRA.

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TO THE WHITE HOUSE, EYES ONLY WALT ROSTOW

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THIS IS A PRELIMINARY ANSWER TO ABOVE MESSAGE. WESTY IS IN MANILA AND WILL RETURN TOMORROW. IN MEANTIME I HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER TENTATIVELY WITH ABRAMS. WE BOTH HAVE FOLLOWING SERIOUS CONCERNS:

1. WITH LONG RANGE WEAPONS WHICH VC/NVA NOW POSSESS THERE IS REALLY NO BASE AREA WHICH CANNOT BE ATTACKED BY ARTILLERY OR MORTAR.

2. OUR TROOPS ARE ON MAXIMUM DEPLOYMENT SINCE COMMAND BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE VC/NVA MAY TRY SOME MAJOR OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD. THEREFORE, THERE IS NO LARGE TROOP CONCENTRATION IN ANY BASE AREA. WE ASSUME PRESIDENT WOULD NOT WANT TROOPS ON DEPLOYMENT CALLED IN.

I WILL CONSULT WESTY IMMEDIATELY ON HIS RETURN TOMORROW AND WILL SEND MORE EXPLICIT REPLY.

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FROM WALT ROSTOW
TO THE PRESIDENT
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HEREWITH BUNKER WISHES TO KNOW IF YOU DISCUSSED A THIEU
VISIT TO THE U.S. IN CANBERRA AND A DATE FOR IT.

QUOTE TO WHITE HOUSE EYES ONLY WALT ROSTOW

WE HAVE HEARD FROM PRESIDENT THIEU'S BROTHER, NGUYEN
VAN KIEU, THAT THERE WAS SOME TALK BETWEEN THIEU AND THE
PRESIDENT AT CANBERRA REGARDING A POSSIBLE VISIT TO THE
UNITED STATES BY THIEU. MAY WAS MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE
DATE. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU COULD
GIVE ME ABOUT THIS END QUOTE

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FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER AND GENERAL WESTMORELAND
FROM WALT ROSTOW

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THE PRESIDENT WISHES YOU TO KNOW THAT THERE WERE THREE MAJOR ELEMENTS IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH POPE PAUL IN ROME.

1. THE PRESIDENT MADE A STRONG CASE FOR OUR BOMBING POLICY, AND A STRONG CASE AGAINST A UNILATERAL PAUSE. HE CITED PREVIOUS COMMUNIST EXPLOITATION OF PAUSES; OUR NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE IN TRYING TO FLOAT THE FAIR SAN ANTONIO FORMULA; AND CURRENT EVIDENCE THAT THEY WERE PREPARING TO EXPLOIT LOGISTICALLY EVEN THE BRIEF PAUSES SCHEDULED FOR CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR'S, AND TET.

2. POPE PAUL AGREED THAT HE WOULD TRY TO HELP U.S. PEACE INITIATIVES AND ESPECIALLY USE SUCH INFLUENCE AS HE MIGHT HAVE IN SOUTH VIETNAM TO EXPLORE IN AN OPEN-MINDED WAY ANY POSSIBILITIES THAT MIGHT OPEN UP FOR A SOUTHERN SOLUTION ALONG THE LINES OF THE PRESIDENT'S FIVE-POINT TV STATEMENT.

3. POPE PAUL AGREED, IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S STRONG APPEAL, TO BE AS HELPFUL AS HE COULD ON THE QUESTION OF U.S. PRISONERS HELD BY HANOI.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, POPE PAUL ASKED THE PRESIDENT TO CONSIDER AN EXTRA DAY'S PAUSE AT NEW YEAR'S. THE PRESIDENT REPEATED HIS ARGUMENT THAT SUCH PAUSES ARE PAID FOR IN U.S. AND OTHER CASUALTIES; BUT SECRETARY RUSK MAY BE EXPLORING THE MATTER FURTHER WITH YOU BOTH.

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TO AMBASSADOR REINHARDT
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PLEASE TRANSMIT FLASH FOLLOWING TOP SECRET AIDE MEMOIRE
RECEIVED FROM PLANE TO VATICAN FOR POPE AS BASIS DISCUSSION
WITH THE PRESIDENT. ONLY RUSK IN WASHINGTON WILL SEE.

AIDE MEMOIRE TO HIS HOLINESS THE POPE FROM PRESIDENT LYNDON B.
JOHNSON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1967

I COME TO YOU ON THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS TO DISCUSS THE BEST ROUTE
TO PEACE IN VIETNAM, AND TO EXPLORE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS SUBJECT.

YOU HAVE OFFERED "UNARMED COOPERATION IN THE REESTABLISHMENT OF
TRUE PEACE." I ACCEPT THAT OFFER WITH EAGERNESS AND AN OPEN HEART.

HIS HOLINESS HAS ELOQUENTLY EXPRESSED THE YEARNING FELT BY ALL
HUMANITY FOR PEACE IN VIETNAM. MY GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE SHARE THAT
YEARNING. WE KNOW IT IS SHARED, TOO, BY THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM
-- AND INDEED BY ALL MEN, EXCEPT A HANDFUL OF FANATICS IN A FEW
CAPITALS.

LET ME EXPRESS MY VIEWS ON A COURSE OF ACTION THAT HAS BEEN
FREQUENTLY SUGGESTED IN RECENT MONTHS. IT IS SAID THAT THE UNITED
STATES SHOULD ONCE AGAIN UNILATERALLY STOP THE BOMBING OF NORTH
VIETNAM, WITH THE HOPE THAT, SOMEHOW, THAT ACT OF SELF-DENIAL
--TOGETHER WITH THE PRESSURE OF MEN OF GOOD WILL AROUND THE
WORLD--MIGHT BRING THE LEADERS OF HANOI TO ENTER INTO SERIOUS
NEGOTIATIONS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

MY COUNTRY HAS TRIED THIS PATH BEFORE. I WOULD NOT EXCLUDE THE
POSSIBILITY THAT IT MAY AGAIN APPEAR WISE AT SOME POINT.

HOWEVER, I AM BOUND TO SAY THAT TWO FACTORS LEAD ME TO A
POSITION OF THE GRAVEST DOUBT AND RESERVE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

THE FIRST FACTOR IS, THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD COST THE LIVES
OF MANY MEN NOW FIGHTING AGAINST AGGRESSION. IN EVERY CASE IN THE
PAST, CESSATION OF THE BOMBING HAS BEEN USED BY THE OTHER SIDE
TO ACCELERATE THE MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES AND MEN TO THE SOUTH.

FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE 37 DAY PAUSE OF 1965-66, I WAS TOLD
BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVIET UNION THAT IF I COULD HOLD A
PAUSE FOR FROM 12 TO 20 DAYS, A SERIOUS MOVE TO NEGOTIATIONS
MIGHT RESULT.

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THEIR JUDGMENT PROVED WRONG. NEVERTHELESS, I EXTENDED THE PAUSE TO THREE DAYS. THE UNITED STATES RECEIVED AT THE END WHAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS A BRUTAL DIPLOMATIC REBUFF.

A YEAR AGO WE WORKED FOR THREE MONTHS, THROUGH VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, TO MAKE THE TET SEASON AN OCCASION TO MOVE FROM WAR TO PEACE.

THE RESULT WAS A MASSIVE EXPLOITATION OF THAT PAUSE BY NORTH VIETNAM. THE FORCES JUST ABOVE THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE WERE RE-SUPPLIED. THIS, IN TURN, LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR A STRATEGY OF EXERTING PRESSURE ON THE SOUTH BY VIOLATING THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE. WE SUFFERED GREAT COST FROM THEIR BAD FAITH DURING 1967, AND WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT BAD FAITH WILL BE REVIVED WHEN THE WEATHER IN THAT REGION IMPROVES.

YOUR HOLINESS, I HAVE JUST TODAY COME FROM VIETNAM. MY RESPONSIBLE COMMANDERS IN THE FIELD TELL ME THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE AT THIS MOMENT TAKING STEPS TO EXPLOIT EVEN THE VERY SHORT PAUSES AGREED TO FOR CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR'S AND TET.

MY FIRST REASON, THEN, FOR REJECTING THE ROAD OF UNILATERAL ACTION AND HOPE FOR A MEASURED RESPONSE, IS THAT OUR EXPERIENCE AND CURRENT INTELLIGENCE TELL ME AN INCREASED PRICE WILL BE PAID IN THE BLOOD OF MEN.

BUT THE SECOND FACTOR IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT. IT IS MY FEAR THAT, IF HANOI IS FREE TO -- AND BELIEVES IT CAN -- IMPROVE ITS MILITARY POSITION THROUGH A BOMBING CESSATION, ANY TALKS THAT MIGHT RESULT WOULD BE STERILE AND DILATORY ON HANOI'S PART. THE RESULT MIGHT WELL BE A STEP AWAY FROM PEACE RATHER THAN TOWARD IT.

THESE JUDGMENTS COULD CHANGE AS A RESULT OF SOME NEW SIGN FROM HANOI ALONG THE LINES I HAVE SUGGESTED RECENTLY IN A SAN ANTONIO SPEECH AND SEVERAL OTHER PUBLIC ADDRESSES. HIS HOLINESS SHOULD BE AWARE, IN CONFIDENCE, THAT THE SUGGESTIONS MADE AT THAT TIME HAVE BEEN DILIGENTLY EXPLORED THROUGH AUTHENTIC CONTACTS WITH HANOI. THEY HAVE BEEN REBUFFED BOTH PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY. I REGRET TO REPORT THAT HANOI'S PRESENT POSITION ONLY REINFORCES THE CONCERNS I HAVE STATED ABOVE.

I HAVE TRIED REPEATEDLY TO INTEREST HANOI IN THE POSSIBILITY OF TALKS, EITHER WITHOUT CONDITIONS, OR WITH THE KIND OF LIMITED UNILATERAL REDUCTION IN BOMBING ACTIVITY THAT MY GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTED FROM LATE DECEMBER OF 1966 THROUGH EARLY APRIL OF 1967. BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO USEFUL RESPONSE TO THESE SUGGESTIONS, WHICH INDEED GO BACK OVER A LONG PERIOD.

THUS, I HAVE BEEN INCLINED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS TO LOOK INCREASINGLY TOWARD WHAT MIGHT BE ACHIEVED IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE WITHIN SOUTH VIETNAM ITSELF. IT IS THIS PARTICULAR THAT I WISH TO DISCUSS WITH HIS HOLINESS.

THE QUESTION, OF COURSE, INVOLVES THE SO-CALLED NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS NOW ASSOCIATED WITH IT. I AM INCLINED TO MAKE A SHARP DISTINCTION BETWEEN THESE TWO.

ON THE ONE HAND, WE APPEAR TO BE SEEING TODAY A SUBTLE PROPAGANDA OFFENSIVE DESIGNED TO DEPICT THE FRONT AS INDEPENDENT OF HANOI, AND AS HAVING A POSITION THAT MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO AN HONORABLE PEACE.

AS TO THE FRONT'S INDEPENDENCE, A GREAT DEAL OF EVIDENCE OVER MANY YEARS HAS CONVINCED ME THAT, AS AN ORGANIZATION, IT IS, QUITE SIMPLY, AN INSTRUMENT OF HANOI.

AS TO THE FRONT'S PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE NEW VERSION ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER AND RECENTLY CIRCULATED AT THE UNITED NATIONS, I FIND MYSELF DEEPLY SKEPTICAL THAT IT OFFERS A REASONABLE PEACE.

ON THE CONTRARY, THE PROGRAM APPEARS TO CALL FOR A COALITION GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM, IN WHICH THE FRONT WOULD CONTROL THE LEVERS OF POWER -- AND, IN SHORT ORDER, THE WHOLE POLITICAL STRUCTURE. DOCUMENTS CAPTURED RECENTLY IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AND OF UNDOUBTED AUTHENTICITY, CONTAIN INSTRUCTIONS IDENTICAL TO THOSE UNDER WHICH COMMUNIST PARTIES OPERATED IN CERTAIN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR, WITH TRAGIC RESULTS.

AGAIN IN CONFIDENCE, I MUST REPORT THAT AUTHENTIC CONTACT WITHIN THE PAST MONTH--WITH SOURCES INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH HANOI AND THE FRONT -- HAVE PRODUCED FRANK STATEMENTS THAT SUPPORT A GLOOMY INTERPRETATION.

YET ON THE OTHER HAND, I BELIEVE A SITUATION IS EVOLVING WITHIN SOUTH VIETNAM THAT MAY, AT SOME POINT, PRODUCE REAL POSSIBILITIES OF MOVEMENT TOWARD PEACE THROUGH POLITICAL CONTACTS -- NOT WITH THE FRONT AS AN ORGANIZATION, BUT WITH INDIVIDUALS NOW ASSOCIATED WITH THE FRONT. I REFERRED TO THIS POSSIBILITY IN MY TELEVISION CONVERSATION EARLIER THIS WEEK.

FOR EVERY REASON, I BELIEVE SUCH CONTACTS MUST BE PRIMARILY THE AFFAIR OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. AND, WITHOUT EASY OPTIMISM OR HOPE FOR IMMEDIATE SUCCESS, THIS IS THE PATH THAT I AM INCLINED TO PURSUE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

I BELIEVE MANY THOUGHTFUL SOUTH VIETNAMESE, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM, TAKE THE SAME VIEW. PRESIDENT THIEU AND I DISCUSSED IT IN CANBERRA A FEW DAYS AGO. ALTHOUGH HE IS UNDERSTANDABLY CAUTIOUS, I BELIEVE HE DESIRES TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE IF REAL POSSIBILITIES SHOULD OPEN UP.

THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARE CONCERNED, AS TALK INCREASES ABOUT A SOLUTION BETWEEN SAIGON AND THE "NLF", THAT A HIGHLY ORGANIZED COMMUNIST MINORITY, OPERATING AS A POPULAR FRONT, MIGHT DEFEAT THE LARGE--AND PRESENTLY FRAGMENTED--NON-COMMUNIST MAJORITY IN A POLITICAL BATTLE.

IN THE LIGHT OF THESE VIEWS, I BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT OUR INFLUENCE ON THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE BE EXERCISED IN TWO DIRECTIONS.

FIRST, WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE TO FIND A SOLUTION IN SOUTH VIETNAM, UNDERSTANDING ALL THE WHILE THE EXTREME DELICACY OF THE QUESTION OF "RECOGNIZING" THE NLF. I BELIEVE PRESIDENT THIEU'S FORMULA IS USEFUL. HE HAS SAID THAT HE WILL TALK "INFORMALLY" WITH "MEMBERS" OF THE NLF.

LEADING ANTI-COMMUNIST FIGURES IN SOUTH VIETNAM, INCLUDING PRESIDENT THIEU AND THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE SENATE, NGUYEN VAN HUYEN, FOR EXAMPLE, MIGHT BE ENCOURAGED TO LOOK IN THIS DIRECTION. FOR PEACE WILL REQUIRE SOME FORM OF RECONCILIATION AMONG THOSE WHO LIVE THEIR LIVES IN THAT COUNTRY. PEACE CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED BY SOUTH VIETNAMESE, FOR SOUTH VIETNAM, IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

SECOND, I BELIEVE THOSE WHO HAVE SOME INFLUENCE IN SOUTH VIETNAM MUST ENCOURAGE THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE TO ORGANIZE THE GREAT ANTI-COMMUNIST MAJORITY INTO SOME SORT OF EFFECTIVE NATIONAL POLITICAL COALITION.

AS I LOOK AHEAD, IT SEEMS TO ME INEVITABLE THAT SOME DAY THE COMMUNISTS, HAVING ABANDONED WAR, WILL SEEK POWER IN SOUTH VIETNAM THROUGH POLITICAL MEANS. THOSE WHO HAVE RESISTED

COMMUNISM ON THE BATTLEFIELD MUST RENDER FRUITLESS ALL THE COURAGE AND SUFFERING THAT HAVE GONE INTO THE STRUGGLE SO FAR.

IT WOULD BE GOOD IF YOUR HOLINESS' INFLUENCE IN SOUTH VIETNAM AS WELL AS MINE AND ALL OTHERS WHO CAN HELP, COULD CONTINUE TO BE USEFUL TO HELP OVERCOME THE INHERITED FACTIONALISM OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE POLITICAL LIFE SO THAT THIS GALLANT BUT SUFFERING PEOPLE COULD FACE THEIR POLITICAL FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE AND WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE COMMUNISTS WOULD NOT BE CAPABLE OF DEFEATING THEM AT THE BALLOT BOX.

IF THESE THOUGHTS CONFORM TO YOUR OWN KNOWLEDGE AND INSIGHT YOU COULD, IN YOUR NEW YEAR'S STATEMENT FOR THE DAY OF PEACE, SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE. YOU COULD URGE THOSE NOW WORKING WITH THE VIET CONG TO ABANDON THE DREAM OF CONQUERING THEIR COUNTRY THROUGH TERROR AND AGGRESSION. YOU COULD URGE THEM TO TURN TO THE PATH OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION; AND YOU COULD CALL ON THOSE WHO NOW FIGHT IN THIS LITTLE COUNTRY TO TURN THEIR THOUGHTS AND ENERGIES TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE.

I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO URGENTLY APPEAL TO YOUR HOLINESS CONCERNING A MATTER OF INTENSE CONCERN TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. I REFER TO THE FATE AND WELFARE OF HUNDREDS OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR HELD IN NORTH VIETNAM.

WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT CHRISTMAS PACKAGES SENT TO THESE MEN BY THEIR FAMILIES IN AMERICA HAVE BEEN REJECTED AND RETURNED BY HANOI. MAIL TO AND FROM THE PRISONERS HAS BEEN SEVERLY LIMITED. REQUESTS BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS TO VISIT THE PRISONERS HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY REBUFFED BY NORTH VIETNAM, NOR HAS A LIST OF NAMES OF PRISONERS BEEN PROVIDED. THESE ARE ALL BASIC RIGHTS OF PRISONERS OF WAR STATED IN THE GENEVA CONVENTION, TO WHICH NORTH VIETNAM HAS ADHERED.

YOUR HOLINESS MIGHT BE WILLING TO OFFER TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO NORTH VIETNAM, AND TO TALK WITH THE GOVERNMENT THERE ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE PRISONERS. WE WOULD AGREE TO URGE THIS, AND I FEEL SURE THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM WOULD WILLINGLY AGREE, A VISIT BY YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO PRISONERS IN THE SOUTH.

ON THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS, WHEN CHRISTIANS--AND MEN OF OTHER FAITHS--ARE TOUCHED BY A DIVINE SPIRIT, I HAVE COME ROUND THE WORLD TO ASK YOUR HELP--AND TO PLEDGE THAT I SHALL NOT CEASE TO STRUGGLE FOR A STABLE AND HONORABLE PEACE.

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BACKGROUND

YOU AWARE FROM SEPARATE MESSAGES MAJOR ELEMENTS PROGRAMS WE DEVELOPING. HEAVIEST IMPACT ALL THREE MAJOR NEW ELEMENTS CAPITAL, TRADE, TOURISM -- ON SURPLUS COUNTRIES OF WHICH ITALY MAJOR EXAMPLE. IN CASE BORDER TAX, EFFECTIVENESS NOW AND ULTIMATE USE AS ADJUSTMENT PROCESS DEVICE DEPENDS ON EEC ACTIONS. ALSO, PROGRAM WILL GIVE NEW FORCE TO PRINCIPLE OF OFFSETTING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS IMPACT MILITARY EXPENDITURES IN ALLIANCE -- AND ELSEWHERE.

TALKING POINTS

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE ITALY'S COOPERATION AT LONDON WMD RHC AND PARTICULARLY IN STANDING FIRM WITH US TO CONTAIN DISORDER IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND GOLD MARKETS FOLLOWING DEVALUATION. MINISTER FINANCE, COLOMBO AND GOVERNOR CARLI PLAYED ENORMOUSLY HELPFUL ROLES -- DESPITE DOMESTIC POLITICAL CRITICISM.

2. AS WE TOLD GOLD POOL PARTNERS, WE WILL SOON ANNOUNCE EFFECTIVE NEW BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROGRAM. FISCAL RESTRAINT AND TAX INCREASE IMPORTANT BACKDROP. BUT PROGRAM WILL DEAL DIRECTLY TO IMPROVE CAPITAL AND CURRENT ACCOUNTS. WE INTEND THAT PROGRAM REMOVE ANY DOUBT REGARDING OUR ABILITY DEAL WITH SPECULATIVE ATTACKS ON DOLLAR. WE SEE THIS AS KEY ELEMENT IN STABILITY PRESENT SYSTEM AND GO

WORLD ENVIRONMENT FOR GROWTH.

3. WE AIM MOVE TOWARD EQUILIBRIUM IN WAYS THAT WILL HELP STRENGTHEN ENTIRE SYSTEM -- NOT SHIFT DEFICITS AR

COOPERATION SURPLUS COUNTRIES ESSENTIAL.

4. UNFORTUNATE WE HAVE TO TAKE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES IN FIELDS WHERE OTHERS ARE AFFECTED. BUT BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL IN OUR INTEREST AND IN INTEREST WORLD SYSTEM WE MOVE TOWARD BALANCE EFFECTIVELY BUT WITH LEAST HARMFUL IMPACT ON WORLD. WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP GOLD PROBLEM IN HAND AND TO EXTEND AND MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE THE ADJUSTMENT PROCESS UNDERLYING THE SYSTEM WHICH WE HAD

COOPERATION SURPLUS COUNTRIES ESSENTIAL. SURPLUS AND DEFICIT COUNTRIES UNDERTAKE RESPONSIBILITIES TOGETHER TO MOVE TOWARD EQUILIBRIUM.

5. AS WE BRING OUR DEFICIT DOWN, PROBLEM OF WORLD RESERVES WILL COME INTO SHARPER FOCUS. WE HAVE SDR SYSTEM. WE SHOULD MOVE TO BRING IT INTO OPERATION BEFORE, NOT AFTER, WE ALL GET HURT. RECENT EVENTS REQUIRE US TO ACCELERATE THE PACE OF ORDERLY TRANSITION FROM THE SYSTEM WE HAVE KNOWN IN THE PAST, TO ONE THAT RELIES LESS ON GOLD AND MORE ON WIDER AND MORE INTENSE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

6. AMBASSADOR REINHART WILL GO OVER PROGRAM WITH YOU BEFORE IT IS ANNOUNCED.

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1. I DO NOT HAVE HERE DATE OF PREVIOUS AWARD OF MEDAL OF FREEDOM. I WAS NOMINATED FOR AWARD BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN 1963 IN FIRST GROUP OF THIRTY. THE AWARD WAS PRESENTED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON AFTER PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S DEATH IN DECEMBER 1963. I DO NOT HAVE TEXT OF CITATION HERE BUT EIGHT MEMBERS OF GROUP, OF WHOM I WAS ONE, RECEIVED AWARD "WITH SPECIAL DISTINCTION." I BELIEVE TEXT CAN BE SECURED FROM LINDA GUTKUNST IN AMBASSADOR LODGE'S OFFICE, SINCE I LEFT MOST OF MY PRIOR YEARS RECORDS THERE. I WAS BORN 11 MAY 1894.

2. HERewith SUGGESTIONS FOR LOCKE AND KOMER CITATIONS WHICH I AM SURE CAN BE GREATLY IMPROVED UPON. SORRY FOR DELAY BUT THIS HAS BEEN A BUSY SUNDAY, ESPECIALLY LOOKING AFTER VISITING VIPS, THE CLIMAX BEING GOV. ROMNEY'S LATE ARRIVAL.

EUGENE MURPHY LOCKE, DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF TEXAS, WAS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO BE AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN IN 1966. HE SERVED WITH GREAT SKILL IN THIS IMPORTANT POST AT A TIME OF DIFFICULTIES IN US-PAKISTAN RELATIONS AND WHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GREAT COUNTRIES OF THE SUB-CONTINENT, BOTH GOOD FRIENDS OF THE UNITED STATES, WERE UNDER CONSIDERABLE STRAIN. HE MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF US-PAKISTAN RELATIONS. HIS ABILITY TO GRASP PROBLEMS QUICKLY AND THE QUALITIES OF FIRMFNESS, TACT, AND POLITICAL INSIGHT HE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THE ISSUES WITH WHICH HE WAS CONFRONTED THERE LED PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO NAME AMBASSADOR LOCKE DEPUTY AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM. TO THIS VITALLY IMPORTANT POST AMBASSADOR LOCKE HAS BROUGHT GREAT ENERGY, HIGH INTELLIGENCE, INTEGRITY, UNDERSTANDING AND WISDOM, QUALITIES WHICH HAVE WON FOR HIM THE ESTEEM AND RESPECT OF HIS COLLEAGUES AND OF VIETNAMESE IN OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL CIRCLES. IN THIS MOST DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX SITUATION AMBASSADOR LOCKE HAS ACTED WITH SINGLE-MINDED DEVOTION IN CARRYING FORWARD THE GREAT TASK IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS ENGAGED ON THE SOIL OF VIETNAM.

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ROBERT W. KOMER

ROBERT W. KOMER HAS HAD A LONG RECORD OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN POSTS INVOLVING A HIGH DEGREE OF SENSITIVITY, INVOLVING OFTEN THE MOST CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS SUPERIORS AND WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. HE HAS BROUGHT TO THESE ASSIGNMENTS A TRAINED AND DISCIPLINED MIND, HIGH INTELLIGENCE, UNFLAGGING ZEAL, AND AN UNUSUAL ABILITY TO MASTER A WIDE RANGE OF PROBLEMS. THE EXCELLENCE OF HIS PERFORMANCE, AND THE DEPTH OF HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXCEEDINGLY COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT PROBLEMS WITH WHICH OUR GOVERNMENT IS FACED IN VIETNAM CAUSED THE PRESIDENT TO APPOINT HIM TO THE POST OF DEPUTY TO GENERAL WESTMORELAND WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR CIVIL OPERATIONS AND REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT. TAKING OVER HIS POST AT A TIME WHEN THE ORGANIZATION OF OUR SUPPORTING ROLE WAS UNDERGOING MAJOR CHANGES HE HAS EXHIBITED GREAT DEDICATION, DRIVE, IMAGINATION, ORGANIZING ABILITY AND SKILL. HE HAS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR SUPPORTING ROLE AND TO THE STEADY PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE CRUCIAL AREA OF PACIFICATION. HE HAS THUS MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED STATES EFFORT IN VIETNAM..

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EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER FROM BUNDY-ABOARD AF-1
1. MAY I HAVE THE DATE OF YOUR PREVIOUS AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF
FREEDOM, AND THE SERVICES NOTED IN THAT CITATION? ALSO.
YOUR BIRTH DATE.

2. COULD YOU PREPARE AND SEND TO US TODAY CITATIONS FOR LOCKE
AND KOMER. YOU MAY TAKE AS YOUR TEXT WHAT TEDDY ROOSEVELT
ONCE SAID OF FRANK KNOW. "BRAVEST MAN I EVER KNEW, RIGHT
BEHIND ME EVERY STEP OF THE WAY UP SAN JUAN HILL".
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PLEA

WE CHECK URGENTLY WHETHER THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM HAS EVER BEEN
AWARDED TWICE. IF YOU CANNOT READILY AND BY EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT
GET THE COMPLETE LIST AT ONCE AT LEAST CHECK WHOSE WHO FOR SUCH MEN
AS JOHN MCADLOY DEAN ACHESON ROBERT LOVETT PRESIDENT
EISENHOWER AVERELL HARRIMAN AND IF POSSIBLE GENERAL MARSHALL.

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TO: W W Roston Confidential
FROM: B. Smith 80

After talking with
R Ed Hamilton there appears
to be no matter of substance
which could be agreed ^(upon) by
the two in Karachi.

P There is nothing in AID
field.

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point paper, suggesting
President thank Ayub
for Wheat Purchase

P Ayub said he wished
to meet President and
make immediate plans
by Karachi.

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FROM BROMLEY SMITH
TO WALT ROSTOW
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AFTER TALKING TO ED HAMILTON THERE APPEARS TO BE NO MATTER
OF SUBSTANCE WHICH COULD BE AGREED UPON BY THE TWO IN KARACHI.

THERE IS NOTHING IN AID FIELD.

YOU HAVE TALKING POINTS PAPER, SUGGESTING PRESIDENT THANK
AYUB FOR WHEAT PURCHASE.

AYUB SAID HE WISHED TO MEET PRESIDENT AND MADE IMMEDIATE PLANS
FLY KARACHI.

AMBASSADOR OEHLERT EN ROUTE KARACHI.

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SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE WARNING HAS BEEN RECEIVED OF A DEMONSTRATION IN ROME AGAINST THE PRESIDENT. COOPERATION OF EXTREME LEFT WING PRO-CHINESE GROUPS WILL TEND TO MAKE DEMO

ITRACD. 4706!HSITUATION MAY DISRUPT TRAFFIC IN DOWNTOWN ROME, BUT ITALIAN POLICE ARE CONSIDERED CAPABLE OF COPING WITH ANY DIFFICULTIES THAT MAY ARISE. ESTIMATES ARE SOMERPNPPP TO 3#400 PEOPLE MAY TAKE PART IN THE DEMONSTRATION.

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FOLLOWING ISTEXT OF POSSIBLE ROME ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

BEGIN QUOTE I AM EXTREMELY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO VISIT THE ETERNAL CITY FOR A FEW HOURS AT THIS CHRISTMAS TIME. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MY FRIENDS, PRESIDENT SARAGAT (SAH-RLH-GAHT) AND PRIME MINISTER MCRO (MOE-ROE) AGAIN AND TO MEETING WITH HIS HOLYFESS POPE PAUL VI.

I HAVE COME FROM THE SAD CEREMONIES ATTENDANT ON THE UNTIMELY, TRAGIC DEATH OF A GREAT STATESMAN, HAROLD HOLT OF AUSTRALIA. I HAVE COME, AS WELL, FROM THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WHERE THE FIGHTING MEN OF THE UNITED STATES ARE HELPING TO DEFEND THE INDEPENDENCE OF A SMALL NATION AGAINST EXTERNAL AGGRESSION.

THIS IS, IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE, A SAD CHRISTMAS TIME; FOR THE LOSSES OF HUMAN LIFE IN VIETNAM ARE TRAGIC, AND VIDZNAM IS NOT THE ONLY TROUBLED SPOT ON EARTH. ALMOST TWO THOUSAND YEARS AFTER THE BIRTH OF CHRIST, WAR AHA STRIFE AND NEED A

E STILL
OPPRESSING MANKIND. WE HOPE TO SEE AN END TO SUCH OPPRESSION -- AMERICA, LIKE ITALY, IS CONTRIBUTING ITS BEST EFFORTS TOWARD THE GREAT GOAL OF PEACE AMONG MEN -- BUT WE HAVE A LONG ROAD AHEAD OF US.

I AM PARTICULARLY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO COME TO ROME TODAY
BECAUSE IT IS THE CAPITAL OF ONE OF MY COUNTRY'S CLOSEST FRIENDS
AND ALLIES, AS WELL AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF SOME OF OUR FINEST
CITIZENS. DURING THESE POSTWAR DECADES WE AMERICANS HAVE
WITNESSED WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THE AMAZING STRIDES OF ITALIAN
DEMOCRACY, AND ITALIAN INDUSTRY, WE HAVE SEEN

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OR STEPS TAKEN BY ITALY AND ITS NEIGHBORS -- AND WE ARE SURE
MORE ARE ON THE WAY -- TO WELD A GREAT EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, AND
NOT THE LEAST OF OUR SATISFACTIONS HAS BEEN THAT SO MUCH OF
OUR CULTURE, LIKE SO MUCH OF OUR BLOOD, STEMS FROM THIS GREAT
ITALY.

I SHALL CONVEY TO PRESIDENT SARAGAT AND TO HIS HOLINESS THE
POPE THE FERVENT DESIRE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR PEACE AND
PROSPERITY AMONG ALL MANKIND, AT THIS CHRISTMAS AND IN THE
COMING NEW YEAR. END QUOTE.

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FROM BROMLEY SMITH
TO WALT ROSTOW AF-1
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TO: WALT ROSTOW
FROM: BROMLEY SMITH

WE ARE SENDING FOLLOWING PROPOSED DRAFT MESSAGES TO HEADS
OF STATE OF COUNTRIES YOU ARE PASSING OVER. WILL YOU SEND
FROM AIRCRAFT OR SHOULD WE SEND FROM HERE?

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR CHAIRMAN NEWIN

AS THIS YEAR IN BURMA'S HISTORY COME TO A CLOSE AND AS I
FLY OVER YOUR COUNTRY I SEND YOU ON MY BEHALF AND THAT OF
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WARMEST GREETINGS FOR YOU AND YOUR
COUNTRY IN THE COMING YEAR. MAY 1968 BE A YEAR OF PEACE
AND PROSPERITY FOR YOU AND FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF BURMA AND
MAY THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES GROW
EVEN STRONGER.

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DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR MRS. GANDHI

AS THE YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE, AND AS I FLY OVER THE EVER MORE
FERTILE PLAINS OF INDIA, I SEND YOU ON MY BEHALF AND THAT OF
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MY WARMEST GREETINGS FOR YOU AND YOUR
COUNTRY FOR THE COMING YEAR. MAY 1968 BE A YEAR OF PEACE,
BOUNTEOUS HARVEST AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF INDIA,
AND MAY FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN INDIA AND THE
UNITED STATES CONTINUE TO GROW.

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DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR SHAH

AS THIS GREAT YEAR IN IRAN'S HISTORY COMES TO A CLOSE, AND AS I FLY OVER YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY, I SEND YOU AND THE EMPRESS AND THE PEOPLE OF IRAN MY WARMEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR. MAY 1968 BE A YEAR OF PEACE AND BRING TO YOU AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF IRAN EVEN GREATER PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS, AND MAY THE GREAT FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES GROW EVEN STRONGER.

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DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT SUNAY

AS THIS TROUBLED YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE, AND AS I FLY OVER THE HISTORIC MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS OF TURKEY, I SEND YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF TURKEY, ON MY BEHALF AND THAT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MY WARMEST WISHES FOR THE COMING YEAR. MAY 1968 BE A YEAR OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR YOU AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF TURKEY, AND MAY THE TRADITIONAL BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES GROW EVEN STRONGER.

TALKING PAPER - PRESIDENT AYUB OF PAKISTAN

1. IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-PAK RELATIONS

ANTICIPATED PAKISTAN POSITION

PRESIDENT AYUB WILL PROBABLY REFER TO THE IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-PAKISTAN RELATIONS AS CHARACTERIZED BY THE APPOINTMENTS OF AMBASSADORS LOCKE AND OEHLERT.

RECOMMENDED U.S. POSITION

YOU MIGHT WISH TO THANK PRESIDENT AYUB FOR HIS THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS AND EXPRESS YOUR DESIRE THAT THE IMPROVED RELATIONSHIP BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED.

2. U.S. PARTICIPATION IN PAKISTAN IRRIGATION PROJECTS

A. MANGLA DAM

ANTICIPATED PAKISTAN POSITION

PRESIDENT AYUB WILL EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SENDING A DELEGATION HEADED BY GOVERNOR HARRIMAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE INAUGURATION OF THE MANGLA DAM IN PAKISTAN. THE PAKISTANI PRESS GAVE PROMINENCE TO YOUR LETTER TO AYUB ON THIS OCCASION.

RECOMMENDED U.S. POSITION

YOU MAY WISH TO EXPRESS GRATIFICATION AT THE U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE MANGLA DAM PROJECT. (YOU SENT BY GOVERNOR HARRIMAN A NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAP CASE AS A GIFT FOR PRESIDENT AYUB.)

B. WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AND SOIL EROSION

ANTICIPATED PAKISTAN POSITION

PRESIDENT AYUB WILL PROBABLY EXPRESS HIS GRATITUDE FOR YOUR FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR A WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AND SOIL EROSION TEAM.

RECOMMENDED U.S. POSITION

YOU MAY WISH TO ASSURE PRESIDENT AYUB OF YOUR DESIRE TO ASSIST IN THE SOLUTION OF PAKISTAN'S PROBLEM OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. FYI: AN ADVANCE TEAM HAS ALREADY VISITED PAKISTAN AND PRESIDENT AYUB HAD A LONG FRIENDLY DISCUSSION WITH THE TEAM MEMBERS. WE HOPE TO SEND A HIGH-LEVEL TEAM TO WORK ON THIS WORTHWHILE PROJECT. END FYI

3. MILITARY SUPPLY

A. DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

ANTICIPATED PAKISTAN POSITION

PRESIDENT AYUB MAY POINT OUT HIS DESIRE TO REDUCE DEFENSE EXPENDITURES (THE GOP REDUCED DEFENSE EXPENDITURES BY 3 PER CENT LAST YEAR), WHICH HE FEELS IS CONTINGENT UPON INDIA'S MAKING SIMILAR REDUCTIONS.

RECOMMENDED U.S. POSITION

WE SUGGEST YOU EXPRESS SATISFACTION WITH PAKISTAN'S REDUCTION IN DEFENSE SPENDING, AND OUR HOPE THAT FURTHER REDUCTIONS WILL BE POSSIBLE.

B. REQUEST FOR 200 TANKS

ANTICIPATED PAKISTAN POSITION

PRESIDENT AYUB WILL PROBABLY REMIND YOU OF HIS REQUEST FOR USG APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF 200 US-INTEREST M-47 TANKS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES TO PAKISTAN.

RECOMMENDED U.S. POSITION

AMBASSADOR OEHLERT WILL HAVE JUST TALKED TO PRESIDENT AYUB ON THIS MATTER. IT NOW APPEARS LIKELY, SUBJECT TO YOUR DECISION, THAT WE WILL BE IN A POSITION SOON TO APPROVE A SALE OF 100 (ONE HUNDRED) U.S. CONTROLLED TANKS FROM ITALY OR BELGIUM.

4. VIET-NAM

ANTICIPATED PAKISTAN POSITION

PRESIDENT AYUB IS NOT LIKELY TO TAKE ANY INITIATIVE ON THIS SUBJECT BUT HE MAY INQUIRE ABOUT PROGRESS THERE. AYUB HAS NOT CRITICIZED THE U.S. POSITION AND HE HAS RECENTLY SAID THAT THE GOP SHOULD NOT CRITICIZE POSITIONS OF THE GREAT POWERS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. THIS HAS RESULTED IN A MUCH LESS ADVERSE PRESS ON VIET-NAM. PRESIDENT AYUB ALONG WITH AN IMPRESSIVE GROUP OF HIGH-LEVEL PAKISTAN OFFICIALS ATTENDED A RECENT BRIEFING BY U.S. OFFICERS FROM VIET-NAM

RECOMMENDED U.S. POSITION

YOU MAY WISH TO REVIEW WITH PRESIDENT AYUB THE CURRENT SITUATION IN VIET-NAM AND EXPLAIN TO HIM U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVES.

5. WHEAT PURCHASE

WE RECEIVED WORD DECEMBER 22 THAT IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR OEHLERT'S EFFORTS OF A FEW MONTHS AGO, THE GOP IS PREPARED TO PURCHASE 100,000 TONS OF WHEAT COMMERCIALY FROM THE U.S. UNDER CCC TERMS. YOU MAY WISH TO EXPRESS YOUR GRATIFICATION AT THIS DEVELOPMENT TO AYUB.

INFO: AMEMBASSY ROME

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STATE' ANALYSIS OF

SUBJECT: POPE PAUL'S INITIATIVE

1. ON BASIS OF EXCERPTS CONTAINED ROME'S 3331, POPE PAUL'S REMARKS ON VIET-NAM CONFLICT CONTAINED IN CHRISTMAS ADDRESS TO COLLEGE OF CARDINALS AND CURIA REPRESENT BALANCED AND JUDICIOUS APPEAL TO BOTH SIDES. ALTHOUGH RENEWING APPEAL TO SUSPEND BOMBING, IN RESPONSE TO "MANY VOICES" WHICH HAVE REQUESTED HIM TO DO SO. POPE AT SAME TIME PRAYS THAT VIOLENCE MAY CEASE "IN ALL ITS FORMS" AND INVITES "OTHER BELLIGERENT" TO GIVE SIGNS OF SERIOUS DESIRE FOR PEACE. MOREOVER, POPE INDIRECTLY URGES USSR, EE STATES, AND CPR TO SUPPORT HIS APPEAL, REFERRING TO THOSE WHO COULD "AUTHORITATIVELY EXERT PRESSURE IN THIS SENSE." IN ADDITION, POPE'S EXPRESSION OF SADNESS AND AMAZEMENT THAT EACH "DISINTERESTED OFFER OF MEDIATION HAS BEEN MADE IN VAIN" AND THAT "EACH ATTEMPT AT HONEST AND PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN REJECTED" PLACES ON US FOR CONTINUED CONFLICT ON HANOI.

2. MORE EXPLICITLY THAN IN ANY OTHER PREVIOUS MESSAGE, INCLUDING HIS LETTER TO PRESIDENT LAST FEBRUARY, POPE NOW OFFERS TO SERVE AS INTERMEDIARY IN SEARCH FOR PEACE. HIS OFFER IS COUCHED IN CAREFULLY IMPARTIAL AND FLEXIBLE TERMS, SPECIFYING HIS "NEUTRAL COLLABORATION" AND READINESS TO COOPERATE IN "THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY WE MAY BE PERMITTED AND REQUESTED, FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUE PEACE."

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FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM HARRIMAN AND THE SECRETARY

1) WHEN YOU SEE THE POPE YOU MAY WISH TO MENTION TO HIM OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE FATE AND WELFARE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR HELD IN NORTH VIETNAM. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT CHRISTMAS PACKAGES SENT TO THE MEN BY THEIR FAMILIES IN AMERICA HAVE BEEN REJECTED AND RETURNED BY HANOI. MAIL TO AND FROM THE PRISONERS HAS BEEN SEVERELY LIMITED. REQUESTS BY IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS TO VISIT THE PRISONERS HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY REBUFFED BY NORTH VIETNAM, NOR HAS A LIST OF NAMES OF PRISONERS BEEN PROVIDED. THESE ARE ALL BASIC RIGHTS OF PRISONERS OF WAR STATED IN THE GENEVA CONVENTION, TO WHICH NORTH VIETNAM HAS ADHERED.

2) YOU MIGHT WISH TO ASK THE POPE TO CONSIDER INTERCEDING ON BEHALF OF THESE PRISONERS. HE MIGHT EVEN BE WILLING TO OFFER TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO NORTH VIETNAM TO SEE THEM. SUCH A HUMANITARIAN ACTION WOULD BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

3) FYI, THE HANDLING OF PRISONERS OF WAR CAPTURED IN SOUTH VIETNAM IS IN ACCORD WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION. DELEGATES OF THE ICRC HAVE VISITED NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG PRISONERS AT ALL PW CAMPS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND HAVE REPORTED FAVORABLY. I FEEL SURE THE GVN WOULD AGREE TO VISITS BY THE POPE'S REPRESENTATIVE TO PRISONERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM IF HE WISHES TO OFFER TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO BOTH SIDES, SINCE THE GVN HAS WILLINGLY ACCEPTED THE ICRC.

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FROM WALT ROSTOW FOLLOWING FOR AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE

LET FOLLOWING RUMOR SPREAD SOONEST MADRID.

PRESIDENTIAL PARTY PLANS REFUEL MADRID APPROXIMATELY 8:00 PM
TONIGHT WITH LIKELY LAYOVER. INQUIRE FOR POSSIBLE HOTEL
ACCOMMODATIONS 100 PRESIDENTIAL PARTY GIVING HIGH PRIORITY
SECURITY ADVANTAGES OF PRESIDENTIAL LOCATIONS.
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TO WALT ROSTOW
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FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM REINHARDT

1. SARAGAT AND ITALIAN GOVT AGREE TO PLAN AS PROPOSED YOUR MESSAGE WITH ONE EXCEPTION. THEY INSIST MEETING SHOULD BE AT QUIRINALE AND NOT AT COUNTRY VILLA.
2. WE WILL RECONNOITER LANDING AREAS IN AND ABOUT QUIRINALE FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING WITH CHIEF ITALIAN AIR FORCE AND ADVANCE HELICOPTER PARTY.
3. ITALIANS PREFER CIAMPINO AIRPORT AS BEING MUCH EASIER FROM SECURITY POINT OF VIEW.
4. I HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO ALL CONCERNED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO ANNOUNCEMENT PRIOR TO VISIT, AND PARTICULARLY ANY INDICATION OF TIME, WHICH I HAVE AS YET NOT GIVEN PRECISELY TO ANYONE.
5. CONFIRM ADVANCE PARTY SHOULD NOW PROCEED ROME SOONEST.

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 TO WALT ROSTOW
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TO ROSTOW
 FROM BROWLEY SMITH

ESTIMATE OF THE SECURITY SITUATION IN ROME.

1. THERE WILL BE LITTLE RISK OF HARM OR EMBARRASSMENT TO THE PRESIDENT IF HE VISITS ROME IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO. AS ALWAYS WHERE THERE ARE CROWDS, A SOLITARY ACT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT BY SOME DEMENTED INDIVIDUAL CANNOT BE RULED OUT. MOREOVER, THE AREA AROUND THE VATICAN WILL BE VISITED BY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, AND THERE WILL BE LARGE CROWDS IN ST. PETER'S SQUARE MOST OF THE TIME.

2. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM THE AP'S REPORT THAT THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY IS PLANNING A "GIANT DEMONSTRATION" AGAINST THE PRESIDENT.

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THE REGULAR ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, WHILE PURSUING THE USUAL COMMUNIST LINE, HAS NOT BEEN NOTABLY DETERMINED OR SUCCESSFUL IN WHIPPING UP ITALIAN SENTIMENT AGAINST US POLICY IN VIETNAM. THE COMMUNISTS OR ANY OTHER GROUP WOULD FIND IT MORE DIFFICULT OVER THE CHRISTMAS WEEKEND TO ORGANIZE ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS THAN AT MOST OTHER TIMES DURING THE YEAR. SMALL DEMONSTRATIONS, PARTICULARLY BY MEMBERS OF THE SPLINTER PRO-CHINESE PARTY, WOULD BE POSSIBLE, BUT ANYTHING LARGE ENOUGH TO CAUSE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE SECURITY FORCES WOULD BE UNLIKELY.

3. THE POLICE AND SECURITY FORCES IN ROME ARE TOUGH, EFFICIENT, AND WELL TRAINED. THEY WOULD TAKE ALL POSSIBLE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT ANY SITUATION WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER THE PRESIDENT, BUT IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT THE COMPREHENSIVENESS OF THEIR PRECAUTIONS WOULD DEPEND ON THE AMOUNT OF ADVANCE WARNING THEY HAD. OVER CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MANY OF THE SECURITY FORCES WILL BE ON LEAVE, AND THE AUTHORITIES WOULD PROBABLY WANT ABOUT 24 HOURS TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES. WITHOUT SUCH ADVANCE NOTICE, THE CHANCES OF A DEMONSTRATION GETTING OUT OF HAND WOULD STILL BE FAIRLY SMALL, BUT NOT NEGLIGIBLE.

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FROM WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM
 TO WALK ROSTON
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 FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM WESTMORELAND

1. AMBASSADOR BUNKER HAS ASKED ME TO REPLY TO YOUR MOST RECENT MESSAGE.
 2. KORAT VISIT HAS BEEN TIGHTLY KEPT. GENERAL MONYER IS NOW AT KORAT SUPERVISING ARRANGEMENTS AND IS ~~AWARE IMPORTANCE~~ **AWARE IMPORTANCE** OF NO LESS FILING FROM THERE TONIGHT. EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THAILAND OR TO VIET-NAM.

3. IN MY JUDGMENT, CAM RANH BAY IS THE MOST SECURE AND DESIRABLE PLACE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO VISIT AND SEE TROOPS. IT'S CENTRAL GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION FACILITATES THE MOVEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS OF MEN FROM EACH SERVICE AND MAJOR COMMANDS. WE HAD PLANNED ON A LONGER VISIT THAN ONE AND A HALF HOURS, BUT WILL BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR GUIDANCE. ONE HALF HOUR WILL BE DEVOTED TO A DECORATION CEREMONY, AT WHICH TIME HIGHEST AUTHORITY CAN SPEAK TO THE TROOPS; ONE HALF HOUR TO VISITING HOSPITAL WHERE APPROXIMATELY 40 PURPLE HEARTS CAN BE PRESENTED; ONE HALF HOUR FOR VISIT WITH SENIOR COMMANDERS.

4. WE ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY COMMUNICATING WITH BOB HOPE, AND IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO GET A SECURE MESSAGE TO HIM AT THIS LATE HOUR WITH REFERENCE TO HIS PRESENCE AT KORAT TONIGHT. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE HAS POSTPONED HIS 1100 HOURS SHOW IN UBON SO THAT HE COULD SEE HIGHEST AUTHORITY TOMORROW MORNING AND TRAVEL WITH HIM TO CAM RANH BAY IF DESIRED. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO FLY HIM TO UBON IN TIME FOR HIS SCHEDULED PERFORMANCE.

5. GENERAL MONYER WILL MEET YOU UPON ARRIVAL AT KORAT AND PLACE YOU IN CONTACT WITH ME BY SECURE VOICE TELEPHONE SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS DETAILS.

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AND IN CONTACT WITH THE SA PERSONS WHOSE TELEPHONE NO. THAT HE CAN
BE REACHED. HOWEVER, WITH THE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE OF KOREAN AND BRANCH
PERSONNEL.
HAVE BEEN MADE TO LET HIM TO KNOW IN LINE WITH HIS SCHEDULED
DEPARTURE FROM THE SA CAN WITH BY 12 REGISTED. UNWARRANTEDLY
SO THAT HE COULD SEE HIGHER OFFICIALS TOMORROW MORNING AND
ON THE OTHER HAND. HE HAS REQUESTED HIS FIRST MOVER FROM THE
AT THIS TIME WITH REFERENCE TO HIS PRESENCE AT KOREA TOMORROW.
AND IT IS ALTHOUGH IMPOSSIBLE TO GET A SECOND MESSAGE TO HIM
HE WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY COMMUNICATING WITH BOB MOORE
ALTHOUGH SENIOR COMMANDER
ALTHOUGH THE ABOVE DETAILS CAN BE PRESENTED: ONE MUST KNOW FOR
SOME OF THE THINGS: ONE MUST KNOW THE DURING HOSPITAL WERE
TO A RECONSTRUCTION GENERAL AT WHICH THE HIGHEST OFFICIAL CAN
ACCOMMODATE WITH SOME GUIDANCE. ONE MUST KNOW THAT BE DEVOTED
ON A FORMAL BASIS, THAT ONE AND A HALF MOVER, BUT MUST BEGET IN
ON NEW FROM RECONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR COMMAND. HE HAS STATED
OFFICIAL LOCATION, ALTHOUGH TELEPHONE NO. OF REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE
STAY FOR THE PRESENT TO ALTHOUGH SEE THINGS. HIS CURRENT GEO-
GRAPHIC LOCATION CAN BE KNOWN BY THE MOST SECURE AND CERTAIN
LAWYER OR TO AIR-MAIL.

TO VARIOUS PERSONS OF THE PRESIDENT'S AIR TO
HAVE BEEN 100%
ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION. EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS
AT KOREA SUBSTANTIATING AND CONFIRMING THE INFORMATION. UNDER INVESTIGATION
KOREA AIR TO HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT. GENERAL MOVER IS NOW
RECEIVING MESSAGE.
A MESSAGE FROM STOKES HAS BEEN MADE TO BEGET TO SOME MORE

NOTION HE RECEIVED FROM THE PERSONNEL
COLLECTOR EXERCISE ONLY
THE OFFICIALS
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FROM WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM
TO WALT ROSTOW
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FOLLOWING CABLE SENT DEPT. FROM RAWALPINDI FOR RELAY TO YOU.

PRESIDENT AUYP HOLDING HIS PLANS AND SCHEDULE IN ABEYANCE.
WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE WORD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE REGARDING
YOUR PLANS.

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FROM WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM
TO WALT ROSTOW
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SENT FROM ROME FOR RELAY TO YOU.

1. PRESIDENT SARAGAT HAS JUST SENT ME MESSAGE URGING EARLY INFORMATION ON PRESIDENT'S POSSIBLE VISIT, POINTING OUT THAT PREPARATIONS HERE IN MIDST OF HOLIDAY SEASON, PARTICULARLY SECURITY ASPECTS, REQUIRED ADEQUATE LEAD TIME. HE STRONGLY HOPED TO HAVE DEFINITE WORD NO LATER THAN FOUR PM TODAY ROME TIME DEC 22 (1500GMT DEC 22).

2. IF DECISION HAS IN FACT BEEN TAKEN I WOULD REQUEST AUTHORIZATION SO TO INFORM QUIRINALE CONFIDENTIALLY AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT

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TO WALT ROSTOW
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SENT TO THE DEPT. FOR RELAY TO YOU

PLEASE TRANSMIT PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT FOR IMMEDIATE
DELIVERY ROSTOW AND BUNDY.

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1. WE FACE AN IMMEDIATE CRITICAL PROBLEM WITH RESPECT
TO HANDLING PRESS WHICH IS RIFE WITH RUMORS AS TO WHICH
BASE PRESIDENT WILL VISIT. WE WILL HOLD THE LINE BUT
WE NEED IMMEDIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW TO MEET THE SITUATION
AS IT CHANGES.

(A) WHEN WILL THE PRESS FIRST BE NOTIFIED OF PRESIDENT'S
PLANNED VISIT?

(B) CAN WE NOTIFY LOCAL, FOREIGN AND THAI PRESS AT
SAME TIME?

(C) PRESS HERE WILL WANT TRANSPORT TO KORAT AND WE
ARE ARRANGING STANDBY AIRCRAFT FOR THAT PURPOSE. BUT
IF LOCAL PRESS IS TO REACH KORAT IN TIME FOR MIDNIGHT
ARRIVAL, THEY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE OFF FROM BANGKOK NOT
LATER THAN 2200.

(D) WILL THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS ACCOMPANYING THE
PRESIDENT MAKE THE KORAT STOP? IF SO, THEN WE SHOULD BE
AUTHORIZED TO GET THE LOCAL THAI AND FOREIGN PRESS TO KORAT
IN TIME FOR THE ARRIVAL.

(E) I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO
TELL THE PRESS OF THE PLANNED PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TONIGHT
NO LATER THAN MY DELIVERY TO THE KING OF THE STATEMENT
WHICH I HAVE REQUESTED, AND THAT WE THEN ARRANGE
AIRLIFT TO KORAT TONIGHT FOR SELECTED FOREIGN PRESS
REPRESENTATIVES AND THOSE THAI NEWSMEN DESIGNATED BY RTG.

(F) WE REALIZE THE MOST NEWSWORTHY EVENTS WILL OCCUR
TOMORROW MORNING RATHER THAN TONIGHT AND, MOREOVER,
NOT HAVING YET CONSULTED THE PRESS WE ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO
THE MOST FEASIBLE TIMING OF AN AIRLIFT TO KORAT. WHILE
THESE REASONS COUPLED WITH LOGISTICAL LIMITATIONS AT THE
BASE IN KORAT WOULD ARGUE IN FAVOR OF AN EARLY MORNING
DEPARTURE, YET WE REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SET UP A PRESS
AIRLIFT TO KORAT AT WHATEVER TIME APPEARS TO BE MOST
PRACTICAL EITHER TONIGHT OR TOMORROW MORNING, OR BOTH.
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PLEASE TRANSMIT PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION
ROSTOW AND BUNDY. FROM UNGER.

1. HIS MAJESTY THE KING IS VISITING NORTH THAILAND
TODAY AND WILL RETURN TO BANGKOK TONIGHT, LANDING AT 1900
HOURS AT DON MUANG AIRPORT. AIR CHIEF MARSHAL DAWEE AND
I WILL BE AT THE AIRPORT TO INFORM HIS MAJESTY ABOUT PRESIDENT
JOHNSON'S PROJECTED OVERNIGHT STOP AT KORAT. AS SOON AS WE
HAVE SPOKEN WITH THE KING, DAWEE AND I WILL PROCEED BY AIR
TO KORAT, ARRIVING THERE AROUND 2030.

2. I WOULD LIKE TO BE AUTHORIZED TO GIVE HIS MAJESTY
A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND RELEASE TEXT TO PRESS.
SUGGESTED TEXT FOLLOWS:

3. QUOTE YOUR MAJESTY: WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR EARLIER TODAY THAT
I WOULD BE RETURNING TO THE US THROUGH SOUTHEAST ASIA, I WANTED
VERY MUCH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY THIS OFFERED TO
VISIT WITH SOME OF THE US FIGHTING MEN WHO ARE WORKING WITH OUR
ALLIES TO HELP DEFEND THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE NATIONS
OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. I KNOW THAT YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT,
PARTICULARLY AT THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON, I WOULD WANT THESE MEN TO
KNOW HOW PROFOUNDLY THEIR SACRIFICES ARE APPRECIATED BY ME
AND BY THEIR COUNTRYMEN AND BY OUR ALLIES.

4. "THE SCHEDULE OF MY HOMEWARD JOURNEY IS SO
RESTRICTED BY TIME THAT I AM UNABLE TO MAKE MORE THAN A BRIEF
VISIT TO THE ROYAL THAI AF BASE IN KORAT. HOWEVER, I HAVE ASKED
MY AMBASSADOR TO DELIVER THIS MESSAGE TO YOU IN ORDER TO PAY MY
FULL RESPECT TO YOUR MAJESTY WHEN ON THAI SOIL, AND TO EXPLAIN
THE BREVITY OF MY STAY. THIS OCCASION ALSO GIVES ME AN OPPORTUNITY
TO SHARE WITH YOUR MAJESTY IN PRAISE OF THE FIGHTING MEN OF
THAILAND WHO HAVE SO RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED BY THEIR ACTION IN
THE VICINITY OF THE QUEEN'S COBRAS' CAMP THEIR VALOR AND
DETERMINATION TO DO THEIR PART IN KEEPING SOUTHEAST ASIA FREE.
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FOR AMB BUNKER AND GENERAL WESTMORELAND FROM WALT ROSTOW.

1. ITS ESSENTIAL THAT THERE BE ABSOLUTELY NO PRESS FILING BY WIRE OR TELEPHONE FROM KORAT TONIGHT OR ANY OTHER COMMUNICATIONS WHICH WOULD DISCLOSE PRESENCE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY.

2. IS CAM RANH BAY MOST SECURE AND DESIREABLE PLACE FOR PRESIDENT TO SEE FORCES IN VIETNAM?

3. IS CAM RANH BAY SECURE RECALLING GEN ABRAMS EARLIER EVALUATION. WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT JUDGEMENT OF DESIREABILITY AND SECURITY FOR A PRESIDENTIAL STOP?

4. IF VIET NAM VISIT IS FINALLY DECIDED UPON BUDGET FOR ONE AND ONE HALF HOUR MAXIMUM. HOW WOULD YOU ADVISE THAT TIME BE BEST USED?

5. IF WHOLLY CONVENIENT AND ACCESSIBLE FOR BOB HOPE--AND IF HE WISHES TO JOIN THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY; KORAT IS THE PLACE AND TONIGHT IS BEST TIME. BUT HE WOULD NOT WANT TO INCONVENIENCE HIM BY TRIP TO AND FROM FOR A VERY SHORT VISIT IN VIETNAM IF IT COMES OFF.

6. HOPE THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO KNOWLEDGE OF KORAT VISIT COMMUNICATED OUTSIDE POSSIBLE TIGHTEST CIRCLE EXCEPT GEN LINDLEYS PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS TO AMB UNGER

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FROM BROMLEY SMITH
TO WALT ROSTOW
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FOLLOWING CABLE SENT DEPARTMENT FOR RELAY TO YOU. IT MAY
HAVE CROSSED YOUR NODIS MESSAGE TO UNGER SENT FROM CANBERRA.

FROM AMBASSADOR UNGER FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION ROSTOW
AND BUNDY

1. VIA MACV AND GEN LINDLEY, DEPUTY COMMANDER 7/13 AF
AT UDORN, I HAVE RECEIVED WORD OF PRESIDENT'S PROJECTED KORAT
SCHEDULE FROM MIDNIGHT TONIGHT UNTIL 0900 LOCAL DECEMBER 23.
I WILL GO TO KORAT LATER TODAY TO ASSIST IN ARRANGEMENTS
AND BE PRESENT TO MEET PRESIDENT AND PARTY.

2. I ASSUME PRESIDENT'S PLANS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED FULLY
WITH PRIMIN THANOM. HOPE NEVERTHELESS SOME BOW CAN BE
MADE TOWARD KING AS CHIEF OF STATE WHO MUST NOT BE IGNORED
BY PRESIDENT VISITING ON HIS COUNTRY'S SOIL. COULD I BE
GIVEN APPROPRIATE MESSAGE TO HIS MAJESTY WHICH COULD ALSO BE
MADE PUBLIC SO THAT SLIGHT TO KING CAN BE AVOIDED BOTH
IN PRIVATE AND IN MINDS OF THAI PEOPLE. ALSO WOULD LIKE
TO AVOID AS FAR AS POSSIBLE APPEARANCE WE REGARD
KORAT BASE AS EXTRA-TERRITORIAL FACILITY UNDER US CONTROL.
QUICK STOP BY PRESIDENT IN BANGKOK WOULD REMOVE THIS PROBLEM
BUT I ASSUME THIS IS NOT RPT NOT CONTEMPLATED.

3. PLEASE KEEP ME CURRENTLY INFORMED.

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THERE FOLLOWS TELEGRAM FROM AMBASSADOR BARBOUR TO SECRETARY RUSK WHO APPROVES THREE RECOMMENDATIONS AND WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING BEFORE YOUR RETURN WHETHER THEY ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PRESIDENT.

1. I SAW P.M. ESHKOL THIS MORNING. HE IS HAPPY TO ADVANCE DATES HIS VISIT TO JANUARY 7 AND 8 WITH SITE AT PRESIDENT'S RANCH IN TEXAS.

2. OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGEMENTS FOR ESHKOL'S TRIP URGE THAT WASHINGTON WORK OUT WITH ISRAELI EMBASSY EARLIEST POSSIBLE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT SINCE THEY MUST CANCEL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS BOTH IN U. S. AND HERE ON WHICH WORK ALREADY BEGUN AND RESCHEDULE OR SUBSTITUTE ALTERNATIVES, AND TIME EXTREMELY SHORT. ALSO MUST REVISE DATES OF STOP-OVER IN LONDON.

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TO WALT ROSTOW

FROM BROMLEY SMITH

There follows a telegram from Ambassador Barbour to Secretary Rusk who approves ~~the~~ three recommendations and would appreciate hearing before your return whether they are acceptable to the President.

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FROM BROMLEY SMITH
TO WALT ROSTOW
CITE CAP671114

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AMBASSADOR BUNKER HAS ASKED SECRETARY RUSK FOR APPROVAL
OF HIS PLAN TO SPEND PERIOD, DECEMBER 30 TO JANUARY 8,
IN KATHMANDU ON LEAVE.

YOU MAY WISH TO GET THE PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL AND HANDLE
THIS FROM THE FIELD.

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~~TO WALT ROSTOW~~

~~FROM BROMLEY SMITH~~

Ambassador Bunker has asked Secretary Rusk for approval of his plan to spend ~~the~~ period, December 30 to January 8, in Kathmandu on leave.

You may wish to get the President's approval and handle this ~~from~~ the field.

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FROM WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM (MCCAFFERTY)
TO WALT ROSTOW FOR THE PRESIDENT
INFO GEORGE CHRISTIAN
CITE CAP671113

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SUBJECT: SITUATION ROOM REPORT FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1967
(WASHINGTON TIME)

SOUTH VIETNAM

THERE WAS AN OUTBREAK OF ENEMY GUERRILLA AND TERRORIST ACTIVITY
IN WIDELY SEPARATED AREAS OF SOUTH VIETNAM YESTERDAY.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT GUERRILLA ATTACK OCCURRED WHEN A GROUP OF
ENEMY INFILTRATED INTO THE CAN THO AIRFIELD, 82 MILES SOUTHWEST
OF SAIGON, AND PLACED HAND GRENADES IN AND AROUND PARKED AIRCRAFT.
THERE WERE NO US PERSONNEL CASUALTIES, BUT THREE HELICOPTERS AND
TWO AIR AMERICA AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED AND SIX HELICOPTERS AND
TWO AIRCRAFT WERE DAMAGED.

OTHER INCIDENTS INCLUDED THE ABDUCTION OF FOUR SOUTH VIETNAMESE
CIVILIANS FROM A HAMLET IN A NORTHERN PROVINCE AND THE MURDER OF
FOUR SOUTH VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN A VILLAGE TEN MILES SOUTHWEST OF
SAIGON. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE TWO INCIDENTS INVOLVING ENEMY USE
OF HAND GRENADES IN SAIGON, WOUNDING FOUR US AIR FORCE PERSONNEL
AND NINE SOUTH VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.

IN OPERATION NARESUAN, A COMPANY FROM THE ROYAL THAI ARMY
VOLUNTEER REGIMENT MADE CONTACT WITH AN ENEMY FORCE, 17 MILES EAST-
SOUTHEAST OF SAIGON YESTERDAY. IN A THREE-HOUR FIGHT, THE THAI
COMPANY KILLED 52 OF THE ENEMY WHILE LOSING ONLY FIVE KILLED AND
EIGHT WOUNDED. AT THE SAME TIME, A THAI ARMY FIRE SUPPORT BASE IN
THE VICINITY WAS HIT BY ENEMY MORTAR FIRE WHICH WOUNDED FIVE OF
THE THAI SOLDIERS. YESTERDAY'S FIGHT WAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
ACTION OF THE ROYAL THAI TROOPS SINCE THE REGIMENT ARRIVED IN
SOUTH VIETNAM LAST SEPTEMBER.

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DURING THE LAST TWO DAYS THE ENEMY HAS ATTEMPTED SEVERAL ATTACKS AGAINST BASE CAMPS IN THE THIRD CORPS: ON TUESDAY, A US ARMY BASE CAMP, 24 MILES NORTHWEST OF SAIGON, WAS UNDER ATTACK FOR THREE AND ONE-HALF HOURS, LEAVING SIX ENEMY KILLED AND FOUR US WOUNDED. YESTERDAY MORNING, AN ENEMY COMPANY ATTACKED A SOUTH VIETNAMESE CAMP, 23 MILES NORTH-NORTHWEST OF TAY NINH. APPROXIMATELY 350 ROUNDS OF 82-MM MORTAR FIRE WERE THROWN AGAINST THE CAMP IN SUPPORT OF THE ATTACKING FORCE. THE FRIENDLIES COUNTERED WITH ARTILLERY AND TACTICAL AIR ATTACKS, BUT SUSTAINED 19 WOUNDED BEFORE CONTACT WAS BROKEN; 12 OF THE WOUNDED WERE US SOLDIERS. ENEMY LOSSES ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. WITHIN FIVE MINUTES OF THIS ENGAGEMENT ANOTHER BASE CAMP ATTACK WAS LAUNCHED AGAINST US INFANTRYMEN, 11 MILES NORTHWEST OF TAY NINH. ENEMY TACTICS INCLUDED SUPPORTING MORTAR FIRE. SEVENTEEN US WERE WOUNDED DURING THIS ENGAGEMENT.

A MARINE RECONNAISSANCE TEAM WAS AMBUSHED 14 MILES WEST OF HUE. CONTACT CONTINUED FOR ABOUT 2 HOURS WHEN THE TEAM WAS EXTRACTED. TACTICAL AIR STRIKES WERE THEN DIRECTED AGAINST THE ENEMY POSITIONS. RESULTS OF THIS ACTION WERE ONE US KILLED AND ONE WOUNDED; ENEMY LOSSES WERE 17 KILLED.

ARVN FORCES WERE HELILIFTED INTO AN AREA, 42 MILES SOUTHWEST OF CAN THO, ON DECEMBER 20 AFTER HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS AND TACTICAL AIR HAD STRUCK SUSPECTED ENEMY LOCATIONS. THE ARVN FORCES REPORTED LIGHT CONTACT BUT FOUND 62 ENEMY BODIES AS A RESULT OF THE AIR ATTACKS.

NORTH VIETNAM

ONCE AGAIN, POOR OPERATIONAL WEATHER IN THE TARGET AREAS HAS PREVENTED STRIKES AGAINST MAJOR TARGETS.

A TOTAL OF 199 SORTIES WERE FLOWN, MAINLY IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE COUNTRY. ONE MIG ENGAGEMENT TOOK PLACE AND EIGHT SAM'S WERE SIGHTED. NO AIR LOSSES WERE REPORTED.

MILITARY CASUALTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

21 DECEMBER 1967

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
24 HRS	CURRENT WEEK	CUMULA-	CUMULA-	CUMULA-
ENDING	11 AM EST	TIVE	TIVE	TIVE
11 AM EST	16 DEC 67	FROM	FROM	FROM
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UNITED STATES (A)

KILLED	8	53	9,050	13,805	15,696
WOUNDED NOT HOSP	40	349	29,106	42,673	46,227
WOUNDED HOSP	44	378	31,561	48,087	52,178
CAPTURED	0	1	112	179	229
MISSING	2	1	262	272	636

SOUTH VIETNAM

KILLED	34	66	10,404	19,876	52,742
WOUNDED	116	135	29,145	49,361	114,356
MISSING/CAPTURED	7	15	1,441	5,537	27,361

OTHER ALLIED

KILLED	3	4	1,034	1,603	1,647
WOUNDED	11	9	2,549	4,147	4,003
MISSING/CAPTURED	0	0	3	18	20

VIET CONG/NVA

KILLED	204	651	85,036	140,444	246,529
WOUNDED	306	977	127,555	210,667	369,794
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- U. S. CASUALTIES INCLUDE LAOS AND VIETNAM.
- ESTIMATE BASED ON A 1.5 TO 1 WOUNDED TO KILLED RATIO.
- THE FIGURES SHOWN IN COLUMN (1) ARE PRELIMINARY, UNREFINED BATTLEFIELD-REPORTED CASUALTIES RECEIVED FROM COMUSMACV DAILY.
- THE FIGURES IN COLUMNS (2) THROUGH (5) ARE VERIFIED FIGURES REPRESENTING CASUALTIES REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD INDICATED.

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~~TO WALT ROSTOW FOR THE PRESIDENT~~
~~FROM THE SITUATION ROOM (McCafferty)~~

SUBJECT: Situation Room Report for Thursday, December 21, 1967 (Washington time)

South Vietnam

There was an outbreak of enemy guerrilla and terrorist activity in widely separated areas of South Vietnam yesterday.

The most significant guerrilla attack occurred when a group of enemy infiltrated into the Can Tho Airfield, 82 miles southwest of Saigon, and placed hand grenades in and around parked aircraft. There were no US personnel casualties, but three helicopters and two Air America aircraft were destroyed and six helicopters and two aircraft were damaged.

Other incidents included the abduction of four South Vietnamese civilians from a hamlet in a northern province and the murder of four South Vietnamese civilians in a village ten miles southwest of Saigon. In addition, there were two incidents involving enemy use of hand grenades in Saigon, wounding four US Air Force personnel and nine South Vietnamese civilians.

In Operation NARESUAN, a company from the Royal Thai Army Volunteer Regiment made contact with an enemy force, 17 miles east-southeast of Saigon yesterday. In a three-hour fight, the Thai company killed 52 of the enemy while losing only five killed and eight wounded. At the same time, a Thai Army fire support base in the vicinity was hit by enemy mortar fire which wounded five of the Thai soldiers. Yesterday's fight was the most significant action of the Royal Thai troops since the regiment arrived in South Vietnam last September.

During the last two days the enemy has attempted several attacks against base camps in the Third Corps; On Tuesday, a US Army base camp, 24 miles northwest of Saigon, was under attack for three and one-half hours, leaving six enemy killed and four US wounded. Yesterday morning, an enemy company attacked a South Vietnamese camp, 23 miles north-northwest of Tay Ninh. Approximately 350 rounds of 82-mm mortar fire were thrown against the camp in support of the attacking force. The friendlies countered with artillery and tactical air attacks, but sustained 19 wounded before contact was broken; 12 of the wounded were US soldiers. Enemy losses are unknown at this time. Within five minutes of this engagements another base camp attack was launched against US infantrymen, 11 miles northwest of Tay Ninh. Enemy tactics included supporting mortar fire. Seventeen US were wounded during this engagement.

A Marine reconnaissance team was ambushed 14 miles west of Hue. Contact continued for about 2 hours when the team was extracted. Tactical air strikes were then directed against the enemy positions. Results of this action were one US killed and one wounded; enemy losses were 17 killed.

ARVN forces were helilifted into an area, 42 miles southwest of Can Tho, on December 20 after helicopter gunships and tactical air had struck suspected enemy locations. The ARVN forces reported light contact but found 62 enemy bodies as a result of the air attacks.

North Vietnam

Once again, poor operational weather in the target areas has prevented strikes against major targets.

A total of 199 sorties were flown, mainly in the southern half of the country. One MIG engagement took place and eight SAM's were sighted. No air losses were reported.

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FROM BROMLEY SMITH
TO WALT ROSTOW
CITE CAP671111

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ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REPLY AFFIRMATIVE.

PLEASE FLASH WHEN DECISION IS MADE.

FOLLOWING TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR REINHARDT.

PRESIDENT SARAGAT WOULD WELCOME VISIT BY PRESIDENT ON
DECEMBER 24.

I WOULD URGE THAT IF DECISION TAKEN TO VISIT ROME, PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENT MAKE CLEAR PRESIDENT IS VISITING PRESIDENT OF
ITALY AND POPE IN THAT ORDER. ITALIAN HYPERSENSITIVITY IN
THIS REGARD HAS ALREADY BEEN STIMULATED BY PREMATURE PRESS
SPECULATION RE POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL CALL ON POPE WITHOUT
REFERENCE TO ITALIAN GOVT.

OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT SECURITY SITUATION SHOULD NOT BE
DIFFICULT, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF TIMING OF VISIT ON A SUNDAY,
DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS. WE CANNOT OF COURSE GUARANTEE THAT THERE
MIGHT NOT BE ATTEMPTS TO MOUNT HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS BUT FEEL
CONFIDENT THESE WOULD BE WELL WITHIN CAPACITY OF ITALIAN
SECURITY FORCES TO DEAL WITH.

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TO MARVIN WATSON
CITE CAP671108

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FROM MARKMAN
TO WATSON

AT 6:55 P.M. WASHINGTON TIME MONSEIGNEUR BRANBILLA OF THE
APOSTELIC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON TELEPHONED WITH THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE.

THE VATICAN DOES NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO THE
SUBSTANCE OF THE PRESS RELEASE AGREED UPON IN WASHINGTON
LAST TUESDAY.

THE APOSTELIC DELEGATION SUGGESTS THAT THE HOLY SEA BE
INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE OF THE RELEASE EITHER DIRECTLY
OR THROUGH THE APOSTELIC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON.

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TO WALT ROSTOW
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TO WALT ROSTOW
FROM BROMLEY SMITH

HERE IS AMBASSADOR'S REPLY.

FM AMMASSADOR BUNKER 456
TO THE WHITE HOUSE, LITERALLY EYES ONLY BROMELY SMITH.

1. FOR SECURITY REASONS WESTY AND I BELIEVE PREFERABLE FOR PRESIDENT PUTDOWN AT KORAT FIRST WITH ARRIVAL VIETNAM 10 A.M. SATURDAY. WE WILL PLAN HERE ACCORDINGLY.
2. WE BOTH GREATLY APPRECIATE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO JOIN HIM IN AUSTRALIA BUT IN VIEW ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE AND COMMITMENTS FEEL WE SHOULD REMAIN HERE. GENELOCKE IS IN U.S. AND FOR THIS REASON ALSO I BELIEVE I SHOULD BE HERE. PLEASE TELL PRESIDENT WE BOTH DELIGHTED AT PROSPECT HIS VISIT. IT WILL MEAN MUCH TO EVERYONE HERE.

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TO W. MARVIN WATSON
CITE CAP671106

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MEMORANDUM FOR W. MARVIN WATSON

FROM SHERWIN MARKMAN

THE FOLLOWING APPEARED IN THIS MORNING'S NEW YORK TIMES:

"JOHNSON BACKED BY '64 DELEGATES
102 OF 107 IN POLL IN STATE ARE FOR RENOMINATION

"A POLL OF NEW YORK STATE DELEGATES TO THE DEMOCRATIC
NATIONAL CONVENTION OF 1964 REVEALED YESTERDAY THAT
102 OF THE 107 WHO RESPONDED WOULD, IF ELECTED AGAIN
NEXT YEAR, VOTE TO RENOMINATE PRESIDENT JOHNSON. OF
THE OTHER FIVE VOTES, ONE WAS UNDECIDED AND THE OTHER
FOUR OPPOSED THE PRESIDENT'S NOMINATION.

"THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED BY MAIL BY EUGENE P. CONNOLLY,
HIMSELF A DELEGATE TO THE 1964 CONVENTION. HE SAID
THAT THE OVERWHELMING SENTIMENT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S
RE-ELECTION SHOWED THAT "DUMP JOHNSON" FORCES WITHIN
THE PARTY CONSTITUTED "ONLY A SMALL AND INEFFECTIVE
MINORITY WITHOUT SIZABLE SUPPORT."

"IT IS ONLY LOGICAL TO BELIEVE, MR. CONNOLLY SAID,
THAT THEIR RESPONSE WAS NOT ONLY PERSONAL BUT ALSO
BASED ON KNOWLEDGE OF THE FEELINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF
THE STATE."

"MR. CONNOLLY SAID HE FELT THE SAMPLING WAS REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE VIEWPOINT OF ALL 231 DELEGATES IN 1964. SOME DID
NOT GET THEIR REPLIES BACK BY THE POLL DEADLINE, WHILE
OTHERS HAD MOVED AND SOME UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE DIED, HE SAID.

"THE POLL WAS SECRET BUT MANY REPLYING SIGNED THEIR NAMES
TO THE BALLOT. THE ANSWERS WERE ABOUT EQUALLY DIVIDED
BETWEEN UPSTATE AND NEW YORK CITY DELEGATES.

"IN HIS LETTER TO THE DELEGATES MR. CONNOLLY SAID THE
RESULT WOULD BE 'AN INDICATION OF THINGS TO COME.'"

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FROM BROMLEY SMITH
TO MARVIN WATSON
CITE CAP671099

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SECRETARY RUSK ASKED US TO RELAY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO YOU:

"CBS HAS BROADCAST REPORTS OF POSSIBLE STOP IN ROME. RUMOR ALSO FLOATING IN ROME. TO AVOID MAJOR EMBARRASSMENT BELIEVE DECISION SHOULD BE MADE IMMEDIATELY EITHER NOT TO GO TO ROME OR TO LET ME AUTHORIZE REINHARDT TO DISCUSS MATTER PRIVATELY WITH SARAGAT."

MARKMAN HAS RECEIVED NO PHONE CALL AS OF 11 A.M. EST. IS THERE ANYTHING HE CAN DO TO STIMULATE RESPONSE ON THAT CHANNEL?

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TO: Marvin Watson

FROM: Bromley Smith

Secretary Rusk asked us to relay the following message to you:

"CBS has broadcast reports of possible stop in Rome. Rumor also floating in Rome. To avoid major embarrassment believe decision should be made immediately either not to go to Rome or to let me authorize Reinhardt to discuss matter privately with Saragat."

Markman has received no phone call ^{as of 11 a.m. EST, /} Is there anything he can do to stimulate response on that channel?

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RUSK.

reports of
"CBS has broadcast possible stop in Rome ~~allegedly derived from~~
~~CITE service messages back to the White House UNQ/TM whatever that~~
~~might be~~ Rumor also floating in Rome, ~~perhaps stimulated by CBS~~
~~inquiries.~~ To avoid major embarrassment believe decision should be
made immediately either not to go to Rome or to let me authorize
Reinhardt to ~~we~~ discuss matter privately with Saragat."

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The Secretary

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S/S - Mr. Ready

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FROM WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM (WOTRING)
TO MR ROSTOW/MR BUNDY
CITE CAP671095

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D. THANOM. PRESIDENT WISHES SOLID TIME WITH HIM. OUR LATEST INFORMATION IS THAT THAI ARRIVE SYDNEY THURSDAY MORNING AND COULD COME TO CANBERRA.

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INFO : Air Force One ~~FLASH~~

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- C. (adjusted by Department) Park. Latest information (Seoul 3006) is that Korean party will arrive Canberra between 0800 and 0900 Thursday, depart for Melbourne Friday morning. President desires substantial private meeting.

EA/ANZ:RSLindquist

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~~EA - Samuel D. Berger~~

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D. Thanom. President wishes solid time with him. Our latest information is that Thai arrive Sydney Thursday morning and could come to Canberra.

E. Marcos. President again solid time, preferably private. Our latest information is that Marcos has difficulty in getting his plane into Canberra and (adjusted by Department. Marcos reluctant may not arrive until late Thursday. President would consider offering Marcos a to come to Canberra. Suggest ^{morning} meeting in Melbourne.)
~~Info from Canberra to Melbourne Friday morning and conduct conversations~~

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F. Holyoake. We gather he now arrives Canberra Wednesday evening and should thus be available Thursday at mutual convenience.

G. (adjusted by Department) Wilson. Appointment arranged for 1100 a.m. Friday in Melbourne at place to be worked out. Presidential party informed.

H. Lee. President has nothing important with him, but should have courtesy visit if Lee comes.

I. Razak. President ~~wa~~ is prepared to see him, and our latest information is he may not arrive until late Thursday afternoon.

J. Sisouk. President is prepared to see him and we gather he will be fully available in Canberra on Thursday.

K. C.K. Yen. We gather he is not anxious for official conversations, but we are concerned ~~n~~ that when he learns of rest of schedule he or Gimo will feel offended if President does not see him briefly. He is, of course, Prime Minister and thus technically ranks with Razak and Sisouk. You will need to check with GOA for latest reading on his plans, and you may, at your discretion, check with Chinese Ambassador. President would wish to avoid one more, but does not wish to hurt feelings. (See ^{in para 2.} H/below for later information).

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L. (adjusted by Department) Suharto. Suharto not coming. Malik is bringing message to President from Suharto. Suggest ^{afternoon} ~~morning~~ meeting ^{Canberra.} ~~Malik~~.

2. Based on these priorities and apparent availabilities, we suggest following possible times and places. President emphasizes that these are only suggestions, and that you (Dept comment: i.e. Canberra) should have free hand to develop schedule that meets priorities and requirements stated above.

A. Call on Casey Thursday at 1000 a.m. in Canberra, followed by McEwen alone, and then McEwen with McMahon, Hasluck, and Fairhall. This might conclude by 1130. Mrs. Holt, we gather is available only in Melbourne, and President suggests possibility seeing her for short personal visit following service and prior to departure.

B. Thieu. Depending upon his time of arrival, should be scheduled for a firm ~~hour~~ hour in late afternoon of Thursday. (Department Comment: ^{and} In view late arrival, suggest meeting with Thieu after dinner or for breakfast ~~or~~ to accompany President on plane to Melbourne.)

C. Park (adjusted by Department). Now scheduled for Canberra. Suggest dinner meeting.

D. Thanom. We suggest working lunch Thursday at your Embassy.

E. Marcos (adjusted by Department). In view his ~~xxxxxx~~ reluctance to come to Canberra suggest meeting at Consulate General in Melbourne from 945 to 1030 on Friday morning.

F. Holyoake seems to fit best following Australian appointments Thursday morning, perhaps at noon at our Embassy.

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G. (adjusted by Department). Wilson appointment set Melbourne 1100 a.m. Friday.

H. Lee, Razak, and Sisouk should be fitted in with half hour appointments late Thursday afternoon. Same would be true of C.K. Yen if you conclude this call is essential. (Dept. Comment: GRC has asked for call. Taipei 1686).

3. Please advise flash on full range proposal as soon as possible, and, if in any case, send preliminary response flash to Washington.

4. Summary of schedule suggested to Clark: (adjusted by Department). Subject to

~~Further comments from Presidential party.~~

Thursday, December 21

1000 a.m. Casey

1030 to 1130 McEwen and others

1200 noon Holyoake

Lunch Thanom

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

~~4:00 to 6:00~~ Meetings with Razak, Malik, Sisouk, and Lee.

630 p.m. (if required) C.K. Yen

Dinner held open for Park

Evening for Thieu.

Friday, December 22

830 to 930 (on aircraft) possibly Thieu

945 to 1030 Marcos at Melbourne

1100 Wilson

Following service, brief visit with Mrs. Holt.

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Believe Embassy Canberra and Presidential party in best position ~~make~~ arrangements now.
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PRESIDENT IS SCHEDULED DEPART MELBOURNE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER
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TO: S/S-DO

FROM: Martin Wenick, Associate Watch Officer

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Kilick's telephone is: Hobart 2-1340 (office).

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From Bromley Smith

To Walt Rostow

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~~On basis of information available to UK Embassy here~~

~~UK Embassy here expects to meet Wilson at 11 a.m.~~

UK Embassy here says Wilson ~~can~~^{meet} President at 11 a.m.
Friday in Melbourne and will inform London that this is
agreed time ~~for meeting~~. British here are certain Wilson
will confirm because his preference for meeting ~~after~~
after ~~official~~ ceremony was based on nothing more than low-key
sense of appropriateness. Meeting place should be ~~worked~~
arranged through UK High Commissioner in Canberra.

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PM WILSON PREFERS MEETING FRIDAY IN MELBOURNE AFTER
MEMORIAL SERVICE. EMBASSY ASKS THAT TIME BE ARRANGED WITH
UK HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CANBERRA UPON YOUR ARRIVAL.

PM NOT GOING CANBERRA BUT ARRIVING MELBOURNE 0800 LOCAL
FRIDAY DEPARTING FROM MELBOURNE EARLY DECEMBER 23.

LET ME KNOW IF ANYTHING FURTHER YOU WISH US TO DO
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From Bromley Smith

To Walt Rostow

- P* PM Wilson prefers meeting Friday in Melbourne after memorial service.
Embassy
P asks that meeting time be ~~not~~ arranged with UK High
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Commissioner in Canberra upon your arrival.
- P* PM not going Canberra but arriving Melbourne
o800 local Friday departing from Melbourne early
December 23.
- P* Let me know if anything further you wish us to do here.

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12:00 NOON HOLYOAKE

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FRIDAY DECEMBER 22

9 TO 10:00 (ON AIRCRAFT) MARCOS

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ALTERNATIVE, 9:45 TO 10:30 AT MELBOURNE

10:30 (MELBOURNE) PARK

FOLLOWING SERVICE

BRIEF VISIT WITH MRS. HOLT

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FROM WALT ROSTOW

PRESIDENT ACCEPTS YOUR JUDGMENT ON PLACE AND TIME RANGE.
EXACT TIME ARRIVAL SATURDAY STILL TO BE DETERMINED.

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QUERY: WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO STOP
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PRESIDENT REAFFIRMS THAT NO TROOPS ON OPERATIONS SHOULD
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GENERAL WESTMORELAND FROM WALT ROSTOW

President accepts your judgment on place and time range. Exact
time arrival Saturday still to be determined.

The President would like to meet representatives of each branch
of the service; maximum exposure to the men themselves; and he would like
to see, if it is feasible, the principal military officers; that is, General
Westmoreland, General Abrams, General Palmer, and General Cushman.

At the moment, the President envisages a stop in Thailand at Ubon
where he presumes he will see General Momyer.

Query: would it be possible for the President to stop comfortably
overnight in Ubon on Friday? Aside from his quarters, could a party of
200 including press be managed?

You understand, I am sure, the extreme security we are seeking
to preserve.

President reaffirms that no troops on operations should be pulled in.
Request response soonest.

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WE ACCEPT YOUR RECOMMENDATION OF CANBERRA.

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WESTY'S FINAL ASSESSMENT NEEDED GREATEST URGENCY AS WE DEPART FOR AUSTRALIA 11:45 A.M. OUR TIME, TOMORROW, TUESDAY. PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO GREET REPRESENTATIVE MEN FROM EACH OF THE SERVICES. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE QUICK HELICOPTER VISIT TO CARRIER.

HE WOULD NOT WISH, OF COURSE, TO HAVE TROOPS ON DEPLOYMENT CALLED IN. PLANS BEYOND MELBOURNE HINGE ON WHETHER WESTY CAN MEET SECURITY NEEDS WHICH HE KNOWS WELL. PLEASE CONSULT WESTY BY WHATEVER MEANS AND GET BACK TO US SOONEST.

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AMBASSADOR BUNKER AND GENERAL WESTMORELAND FROM
WALT ROSTOW

Westy's final assessment needed greatest urgency as we depart for Australia 11:45 a.m. our time, tomorrow, Tuesday. President would like to greet representative men from each of the services. Would also like to make quick helicopter visit to carrier.

He would not wish, of course, to have troops on deployment called in. Plans beyond Melbourne hinge on whether Westy can meet security needs which he knows well. Please consult Westy by whatever means and get back to us soonest.

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WESTMORELAND FROM WALT ROSTON
ON CONTINGENCY BASIS WHERE COULD PRESIDENT COME IN
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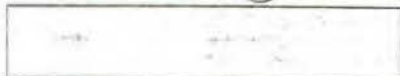
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LITERALLY EYES ONLY For Ambassador Bunker and General Westmoreland
from Walt Rostow

On contingency basis where could President come in to Vietnam on
Saturday or Sunday and see maximum number U.S. troops under situation
of maximum security.

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