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NOVEMBER 8, 1967 - 9:42 a.m.

Vice President and Walt Rostow

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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November 9, 1967

9:30 a.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ^{Tom} Tom Johnson

Attached are the notes of your meeting on November 8, 1967 in the President's office with the Vice President and Mr. Rostow.

The meeting began at 9:42 a.m. It ended at 10:03 a.m.

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NOTES OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE
VICE PRESIDENT
AND MR. ROSTOW

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November 8, 1967
The President's Office

The Vice President handed the President a copy of his formal report on the trip to Vietnam and other Asian countries.

The President suggested that the Vice President point out that we have had military, diplomatic and political problems in that part of the world. However, the Vice President has had a chance to go and spend some time in the area.

Since the Honolulu Conference 18 months ago there have been five elections in Vietnam. The Vice President has had a chance to go and spend some time and has returned to has returned to meet with the bipartisan leadership and with the National Security Council.

The President said that it would be useful to point out that Thieu is ageeable to reasonable peace negotiations.

On the military front, Westmoreland feels that he has the initiative.

In the pacification program, there is a forward movement and action is being taken to eliminate corruption.

Walt Rostow said that Ambassador Bunker noted the "sense of dignity" by the Vietnamese leaders during the inaugural. There was a desire by the leadership to take responsibility in their on hands. Ambassador Bunker said the people want to make their own destiny.

The President said it would be useful to point out that there is a new sense of dignity in the country, particularly since the elections.

Vice President Humphrey said that Thieu told him that if South Vietnam could not make progress on its own they did not deserve U.S. support.

The Vice President said that Thieu and Ky have lowered the draft age and have established a very good blueprint for progress.

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