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Meeting in the Mansion on Second Floor

Date: April 2, 1966

Time: 1:30 p.m.

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By 48, NARA, Date 2-9-90

Present: President, Rusk, McNamara, Rostow, Moyers, Valenti

(From notes by J. Valenti)

President wanted the following done:

1. Invite publishers and editors to state dinners -- and have them in earlier to lunch with the President and Rusk and McNamara.

Perhaps Rusk and McNamara could fly out and meet with various editorial boards -- Louisville Courier Journal Times -- the night newspapers -- St. Louis Post Despatch -- Providence Journal.

Once research done: In other emergency periods-- isn't our position much better overall, economic, etc., than in other such periods.

On Vietnam:

1. Make every effort to keep Ky. But be ready to make terrible choice. Perhaps take a stand in Thailand -- or take someone else other than Ky.

2. McNamara said what happens to I Corps is not as important as to what happens to other corps. Thinks we ought to get rid of Tri Quang.

President said there are two basic things we need to do:

1. What do we do to preserve Ky? Thinks we ought to preserve him if possible.

2. Prepare fallback position. Involves talking to Buddhists and if necessary, get out of I Corps area and even Vietnam.

McNamara said Lodge ought to have it out with Tri Quang. Quang needs to know what situation is and how prepared we are to clear out of I Corps area. We need to know if Quang really wants us out -- for if he does, we better get out now. But McNamara thinks that Quang believes that we are committed.

President said to send Lodge a cable telling him to get in touch with Quang now and get tough with him.

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