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NOTES OF PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH TUESDAY
LUNCHEON GROUP, DECEMBER 17, 1968

THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE:

The President
Secretary Clifford
Secretary Rusk
Admiral Moorer
George Christian *gc*

Secretary Rusk: It looks as though we're going to get the Pueblo Crew. They accepted Solution B -- the two contradicting statements. I expect they'll agree to a meeting on the 19th. We gave them until the 22nd. I think the Russians hit them hard on this. The two texts will wash each other out.

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Secretary Rusk: The President might say "gratified these men are free and hope they can rejoin their families at the earliest possible moment," and not get into the details.

The President: What's happening in Vietnam?

Admiral Moorer: The 2nd NVA Division is active -- but not much special happening.

Secretary Rusk: Do we want to warn Hanoi on the consequences of an attack on Saigon?

The President: Yes, we ought to tell them to give these talks a chance to succeed. After we've stopped the bombing all this time and they hit Saigon, what kind of people are we if we don't respond?

Secretary Clifford: If they've made a policy decision to hit Saigon, then that says the deal's off. That's what we ought to tell Hanoi and Moscow. They ought to know before they take this course.

The President: Dean, get that off to them. Don't threaten -- be diplomatic.

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By *Jan*

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