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VIA BUNKER CHANNELS SECTION ONE OF SEVEN  
FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE  
TO: AMEMBASSY SAIGON  
CITE: WHS2260

NOVEMBER 30, 1972

TO: AMBASSADOR BUNKER  
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

DELIVER OPENING OF BUSINESS

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT THIEU'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON.

BEGIN TEXT. QUOTE

SAIGON, NOVEMBER 26 1972

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I WOULD LIKE TO AVAIL MYSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY OF MY SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DR. NGUYEN PHU DUC'S CALL ON YOU TO SEND YOU MY WARM PERSONAL REGARDS AND MY APPRECIATION FOR THE FRANKNESS OF YOUR MESSAGES TO ME IN THE PAST FEW DAYS.

I HAVE STUDIED VERY CAREFULLY YOUR MESSAGES AND THE REPORTS FROM MY AMBASSADORS IN PARIS ON THE MEETINGS BETWEEN YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE.

HIS EXCELLENCY RICHARD M. NIXON,  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON D.C.

IT HAS NOW BECOME CLEAR TO ME THAT AFTER FOUR DAYS OF TALKS, THE COMMUNIST SIDE HAS NOT SHOWN ANY GOOD WILL IN CONSIDERING THE MODIFICATIONS WE HAVE PROPOSED TO THE DRAFT AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT AN HONORABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE WAR. ON THE CONTRARY, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE DISPLAYED EXTREME INTRANSIGENCE BY AGAIN RAISING THEIR UNREASONABLE DEMANDS. THEY OBSTINATELY REFUSE TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM POSED BY THE PRESENCE OF OVER 300,000 OF THEIR TROOPS IN THE SOUTH, WHICH WILL STAY ON EVEN AFTER THE PEACE AGREEMENT IS CONCLUDED. THEY ALSO TRY TO IMPOSE ON US A STRUCTURE OF POWER CALLED THE "NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD" WITH THREE EQUAL SEGMENTS WHOSE FUNCTIONS FAR EXCEED THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN ELECTION COMMISSION AND INFRINGE UPON THE LEGAL PREROGATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

