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TO: COLONEL GUAY

FROM: COLONEL KENNEDY *KK*

TO: GENERAL HAIG

FOR: DR. KISSINGER

The following is a message from the President
to Dr. Kissinger:

BEGIN TEXT:

After reading all your messages, I am again, enormously impressed by
the skillful and dedicated way that you're handling a terribly difficult situation.

Before a decision of this importance is made, it is imperative that I talk with
you personally. To accomplish this goal, I suggest that you start tomorrow's
session by saying that the President has read all of your message and a full
transcript of the conversations to date. He is, frankly, shocked by the total
intransigence of the North Vietnamese and particularly by the fact that they
have backed off of the commitments they made in the meeting of October 26.

Then, I want you to go down a list of specific questions on all of the proposals
that are contained in our minimum position contained in your last message
adding to it the specific question about whether they will agree to any language
covering the withdrawal of North Vietnamese forces from South Vietnam. I
assume that their answers to virtually all of these questions will be negative,
but the purpose is to make the record clear once and for all.

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