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TO: SAGEN FOR DR. KISSINGER AND TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR
GENERAL hd
SITUATION: BACKCHANNEL
SUBJECT CATEGORY: VIENITIANE

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

BORCHGRAVE --- HOW MANY AMERICAN PRISONERS ARE YOU NOW HOLDING?
PHAM VAN CQIG --- QUITE HONESTLY I COULDN'T TELL YOU. IT CHANGES DAILY.
BORCHGRAVE --- YOU COULD GIVE ME A ROUGH APPROXIMATION OF HOW MANY YOU HAVE CAPTURED SINCE THE BOMBING RESUMED.
PHAM VAN CQIG --- I REALLY DON'T CARRY AROUND AN UPTO Date TALLY. I ---

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Borchgrave-- Are you insisting on the dismantling of American bases in Thailand as part of a final settlement? Pham Van Dong -- It's a problem of course, and not an easy one, but it's not a precondition and it's not linked to the prisoner issue as you seem to think. There is nothing diabolical about the prisoner issue. There are limits to everything.

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TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR GENERAL HAIG
SAIGON FOR DR. KISSINGER

43. BORCHGRAVE DASH AT WHAT STAGE WILL THE AMERICAN
PRISONERS BE RELEASED PARA
44. PHAMVANDONG DASH WHEN THE GENERAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN
REACHED PARA
45. BORCHGRAVE DASH YOU MEAN AFTER THE COMPLETION OF OUR

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46. PHAMVANDONG DASH NO COMMA WE WILL NOT WAIT UNTIL THE COMPLETE REALIZATION OF THE ACCORDS STOP ITS A VERY SIMPLE ISSUE ACTUALLY STOP ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DETAINEES COMMA NOT ONLY AMERICANS COMMA ON BOTH SIDES MUST BE RELEASED AT THE SAME TIME STOP FOR US COMMA THERE ARE NO COMPLICATIONS AT ALL ON THIS PROBLEM NOW PARA.
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FROM VIETNAM
TO THE WHITE HOUSE
SECRET 211323Z OCT 72

FLASH TO SAIGON FOR DR. KISSINGER
FLASH TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR GENERAL HAIG
FROM GOOLEY

1. THERE FOLLOWS THREE MESSAGES THAT ARNAUD DE BORCHGRAVE,
WHO RETURNED TO VIENTIANE THIS AFTERNOON, FROM HANOI,
WISHES BE DELIVERED URGENTLY TO ELLIOTT BERNSTEIN
KLEIN OF THE SKEEK IN NEW YORK CITY.

2. FOR GENERAL HAIG: DR. KISSINGER HAS BY TELEPHONE
AUTHORIZED THAT THESE MESSAGES BE DELIVERED TO KLEIN.
MESSAGE NUMBER ONE (1):
DIPLOMATS WERE CALLED INTO FOREIGN MINISTRY TO BE TOLD AGREEMENT
WITH UNITED STATES READY FOR SIGNING

THE TIMETABLE FOR PRISONER RELEASE ALSO AGREED ON, STAPLE HOME UPON
SHORTLY EJECT
BORCHGRAVE
MESSAGE NUMBER TWO (2):
INFORMALLY INFORMATIVE MAKING ALL PHAM VAN DONG INFORMATION BOTH ON
RECORD AND OFF RECORD AVAILABLE TO AMBASSADOR GOOLEY IN RETURN FOR

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MESSAGE / ANNEX:

RELAY OF MATERIAL EYE COULD NOT FILE FROM Hanoi STOP UPCOMING MEETING STOP INCLUDES FASCINATING EXCHANGE ON NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY IN SOUTH AND ITS DISPOSITION IN THE COURSE OF TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES AFTER CEASEFIRE STOP NO QUESTION WASHINGTON AND Hanoi HAVE DRAFTED DETAILED AGREEMENT STOP UNPUBLISHEDLY ONE OF THE PRISONERS' EYE INTERVIEWED YESTERDAY WHISPERED TO ME AS HE WALKED INTO CAMPAIGN FOR PICTURE TAKING QUOTE THE TWO HAVE GOTTEN PRETTY SPECIFIC INDICATIONS THAT "WELL BE GETTING OUT SOON" UNQUOTE STOP THIS REMARK WAS MADE AFTER EYE TOLD HIM THAT WHILE EYE DID NOT WANT TO RAISE THEIR HOPES UNNECESSARILY EYE HAD RECEIVED STRONG INDICATIONS FROM THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE END WAS VERY NEAR.

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