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DELIVER OPENING OF BUSINESS

TO: CHARGE DEAN, EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY
 FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER, THE WHITE HOUSE

1. PLEASE INFORM SOUVANNA PHOUMA IMMEDIATELY THAT, AS ELEMENT OF OUR AGREEMENT WITH NORTH-VIETNAMESE, WE REACHED UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING TIMETABLE FOR LAOS. THIS TIMETABLE FIXES JULY 1, REPEAT JULY 1, AS DATE FOR FORMATION OF GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION, AND FIXES SIXTY DAYS AFTER THAT EVENT AS DATE BY WHICH TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM LAOS SHOULD BE COMPLETED.

2. THIS UNDERSTANDING IS COINED IN TERMS WHICH ARE INTENDED TO ASSURE US THAT DRV WILL EXERT APPROPRIATE PRESSURE UPON PATHET LAO TO CEASE THE DESTRUCTIVIST TACTICS WHICH HAVE CHARACTERIZED THEIR NEGOTIATING POSTURE DURING RECENT WEEKS. THE DRV POSSED NO RPT NO SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS INHERENT IN THE FORMATION OF THE GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, WE MUST NOT RPT NOT ASSUME FROM THIS FACT THAT THEY HAVE NO REQUIREMENTS WHICH THEY WILL LATER RAISE.

3. SULLIVAN HAS INFORMED KHAMPHAN PANYA OF THESE GENERAL FACTS, BUT HAS TOLD HIM THAT WE WILL UNDERTAKE TO INFORM SOUVANNA. YOU SHOULD IMPRESS
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 UPON SOUVANNA, AS SULLIVAN DID UPON KHAMPHAN, THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO RPT NO MENTION OF THIS UNDERSTANDING, EITHER PUBLICLY, OR EVEN IN DISCUSSIONS WITH PATHET LAO. LE DUC THO COMPLAINED TO ME LAST WEEK THAT YOU HAD MENTIONED US-DRV UNDERSTANDING RE US PRISONERS CAPTURED IN LAOS IN YOUR TALK WITH PHOUMI VONGVICHIT. WE OBVIOUSLY CANNOT AFFORD TO GIVE HAND THIS SORT OF GROUNDS ON

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