SECRET

TO: CHARGED PERSONNEL EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY
FROM: HENRY A. KISSI GEORGE WASHINGTON HOUSE

1. PLEASE INFORM SULLIVAN'S PHOUMA IMMEDIATELY THAT AS ELEMENT OF OUR AGREEMENT WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE, WE REACHED UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING TIMETABLE FOR LAOS. THIS TIMETABLE FIXES JULY 1 REPEATE JUULY 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 COUCHED IN TERMS WHICH ARE INTENDED TO ASSURE US THAT OUR WILL EXERT APPROPRIATE PRESSURE UPON PATHET LAO TO CEASE THE CONSTRUCTIVIST TACTICS WHICH HAVE CHARACTERIZED THEIR NEGOTIATING POSTURE DURING RECENT WEEKS. THE DRV POISED 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 KHAMPHON PANYA OF THESE GENERAL FACTS, BUT HAS TOLD HIM THAT WE WILL UNDERTAKE TO INFORM SOUVANNA.

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UPOV SOUVANNA, AS SULLIVAN DID UPON KHAMPHON, 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 THE US PRISONERS CAPTURED IN LAOS IN YOUR TALK WITH PHOUMI VONGVICHIT. WE DEVIOLY CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE AWAY THIS SORT OF GROUND ON...
WHICH TO ABORT THEIR UNDERSTANDING WITH US.

4. WARM REGARDS

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