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VIA SPECIAL CHANNEL

October 14, 1972

FROM: GENERAL HAIG

TO: COLONEL GUAY

Please deliver the following message to your customer when you see him today at 2300 Paris time October 14, 1972:

"The U.S. side has read with the greatest care the message delivered to the U.S. liaison officer at 11:00 a.m. Paris time on October 14, 1972.

"The Democratic Republic of Vietnam party must understand, as Dr. Kissinger pointed out, that the U.S. side has made its maximum concessions throughout the document and that attempts to go further would jeopardize the schedule agreed to by both sides.

"With respect to the question of prisoners, the U.S. side recognizes that this issue is of great significance and involves the deepest feelings and will do its maximum to find a solution. As indicated by Dr. Kissinger, the U. S. side has been carefully studying this issue for a fresh approach in addition to the substantial changes already made in the U.S. position on this subject during the private meetings of October 8 through 12. Just as the DRV side has pointed out that it cannot take obligations with respect to some of its friends, so it is impossible for the U.S. side to go further than what it can reasonably state will be implemented before the agreement has even been discussed in Saigon. To show its good will and serious

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attitude and to facilitate the conclusion of the negotiations the U.S. is prepared to add the following sentence to the end of paragraph c) of Article 8 in the U.S. draft left with the DRV side on October 13.

"Quote: The two South Vietnamese parties will do this as soon as possible and do their utmost to resolve this question within three months after the ceasefire comes into effect. Unquote.

"In addition, the U.S. side will give the DRV side verbal assurances that it will exert its maximum efforts in Saigon to help bring about a resolution of this issue in the time period indicated and in the spirit set out in paragraph c) of Article 8.

"The U.S. side wishes to point out that an acceptance by the DRV of the changes communicated to the DRV on October 13 and 14 is crucial if the agreed upon schedule is to be kept. The U.S. side wishes to reiterate that it will approach the meeting on October 17 with the firm intention of completing a final text so that the visit to Hanoi can concentrate on the new era of bilateral relations. The U.S. side therefore hopes that the DRV side will show an understanding and forthcoming attitude as well."

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TO: GENERAL HAIG THE WHITE HOUSE

FROM: COL GUAY AIRA PARIS

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AT THE PRIVATE MEETING OF 2 MAY 1972, THE AMERICAN SIDE GAVE TO THE DRV SIDE A DOCUMENT WHICH ALLEGED THAT THE RDV SIDE WAS ATTEMPTING TO "EXPLOIT THE PRIVATE CHANNEL AND ASSOCIATE IT WITH MILITARY TACTICS". THE RDV SIDE REJECTS THESE ASSERTIONS AS UNREASONABLE AND WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

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HOWEVER, THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN NGUYEN VAN THIEU, PRETENDING THAT THE GVPREV AND THE DRV SEEK TO "IMPOSE A COMMUNIST REGIME IN SOUTH VIETNAM".

3) DURING CLOSE TO 4 YEARS, SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM, THE UNITED STATES INSTEAD OF NEGOTIATIONS SERIOUSLY, HAVE ALWAYS SOUGHT TO SABOTAGE THIS CONFERENCE. (UNDERLINED)

A) DURING THE WORK OF THE PARIS CONFERENCE AND EVEN BEFORE, DURING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS AND AFTER, THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT CEASED TO EXERCISE A MILITARY PRESSURE ON THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN ORDER TO NEGOTIATE FROM A "POSITION OF FORCE". (UNDERLINED)

- THE FIRST PRIVATE MEETING WAS ON 4 AUGUST 1969, THE UNITED STATES LAUNCHED AN OFFENSIVE IN THE PLAINS OF JARRES-XIENG KHOANG.

- WHILE THE PRIVATE MEETINGS OF 21 FEBRUARY 1970, OF 16 MARCH 1970 AND THOSE OF 4 APRIL 1970 WERE BEING HELD, THE UNITED STATES MOUNTED THE 13 MARCH 1970 COUP D' ETAT IN CAMBODIA. FOLLOWING THAT, ON 30 APRIL 1970, THEY SENT TROOPS TO AGGRESS THIS COUNTRY AND FROM THE FIRST TO 4 MAY 1970, THEY CONDUCTED BOMBARDMENTS AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM.

- SHORTLY AFTER THE TWO PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD DURING SEPTEMBER 1970 AND 21 NOVEMBER 1970, THE UNITED STATES ONCE AGAIN CONDUCTED VIOLENT AND AERIAL BOMBARDMENTS AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM, AND IMPUDENTLY MOUNTED A COMMANDO OPERATION WITH THE HOPE OF SECURING AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR. THE AIR ATTACKS CONTINUED UNTIL 20 NOVEMBER 1970.