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September 26, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT:

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POWs Arrive in Peking: The three prisoners of war released by North Vietnam arrived in Peking today on their way home. David Dellinger, leader of the antiwar group, told newsmen who asked why they had come to China, "It wasn't in our hands. Someone arranged it." The group left Hanoi yesterday and stayed overnight in Nanning (southern China) before flying to Peking. Both at the airport and at their Peking hotel Chinese officials tried to prevent them from talking with newsmen. At the airport the group was met by three officials of the North Vietnamese Embassy in Peking and a Viet Cong diplomatic representative. All of the officers said they were elated at being released, but expressed regret that their fellow prisoners were still in captivity. The members of the group said they did not know their travel schedule out of Peking yet. But it was believed they would leave Wednesday morning on a Chinese civil aircraft flight to Irkutsk in the Soviet Union, where they would transfer to a Soviet Aeroflot passenger plane for Moscow.

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September 27, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

THE PRESIDENT

HENRY A. KISSINGER

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Status of POWs: It now appears virtually certain that the released POWs will arrive in Moscow this morning, EDT. This will be the first opportunity for U.S. Government contact with the men. Secretary Rogers urged Gromyko that our embassy be granted access, and Embassy Moscow is raising the matter with the Soviet Foreign Ministry. The POWs are expected to travel to Copenhagen on September 28, where they will be offered a medevac flight home.

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September 13, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE VICE PRESIDENT  
Attention: General Dunn

FROM:

M/GEN. ALEXANDER M. HAIG 

SUBJECT:

The Three U.S. POW's to be  
Released by Hanoi

We may be sure that the upcoming release of three U.S. POW's will be exploited to the hilt by the anti-war activists who are involved in returning these released men to the U.S. Our problem now is to minimize the pro-Hanoi and anti-Administration propaganda which the anti-war groups will try to generate in connection with this release.

We strongly feel that our best tactic at present is to avoid drawing attention to the role played by anti-war activists in the release of the POW's. We do not want to give them any kind of free publicity. Moreover, there is always the danger that our attacking the anti-war role in the POW release will be seized upon by Hanoi to postpone or cancel the release. This, in turn, would leave the Administration open to charges that we had helped prevent the return of these POW's.

Once the three released POW's are safely home, however, we will be able to judge the impact of the anti-war groups' exploitation of the release and can then decide how best to react to it.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

BOB HALDEMAN

FROM:

AL HAIG

Attached is DOD's suggested response to McGovern's letter regarding absentee ballots for our POW's in Hanoi. The approach of their response is sound although somewhat bureaucratic.

In our response, we will want to take the basic line that our past record of dealing with Hanoi provides no basis for confidence that any balloting process would be inviolate. We should also point out that Hanoi has consistently refused to abide by the Geneva Convention even with regard to such humanitarian aspects as listing those it holds captive and permitting mail between the men and their families. Indeed, because of Hanoi's failure to respect the Convention, we do not even have an accurate accounting of the men available to vote.

In short, Hanoi's callous attitude makes McGovern's suggestion totally infeasible.

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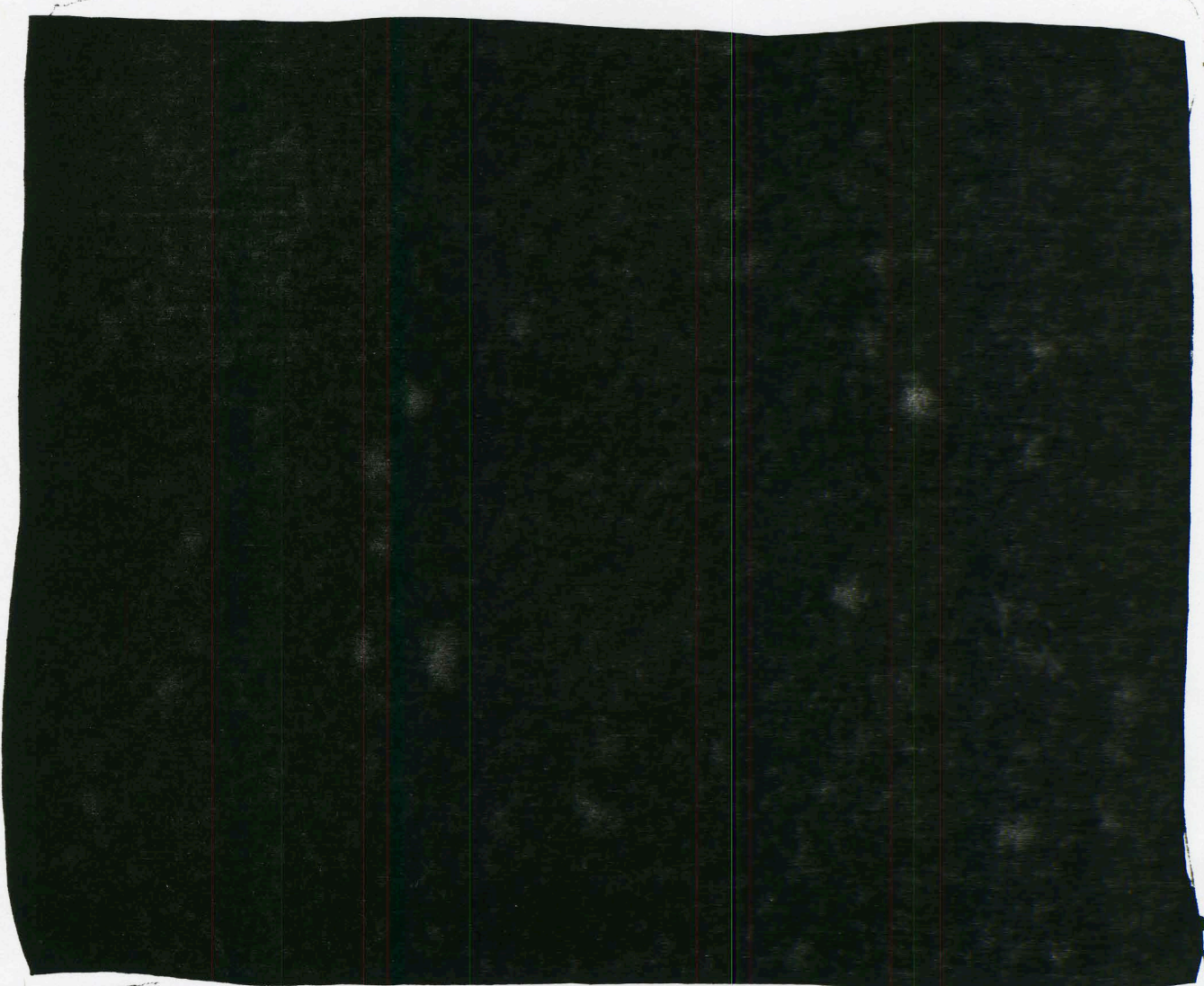
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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Sir Robert Thompson's Visits to Southeast Asia



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The overall impression which emerges from reports of Sir Robert's tour is one of increasing Southeast Asian confidence in South Vietnam's abilities. This impression is confirmed by a favorable Vietnam peace proposal recently presented by Indonesia on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN - Thailand, Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia). The proposal called for an immediate ceasefire in Vietnam, NVA and US troop withdrawals, POW releases and a subsequent resolution of political issues among the Vietnamese themselves. Hanoi strongly rejected this proposal as biased in favor of Saigon.



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