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January 24, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT:

Information Items

Initial Reaction to Cease-fire Announcement: North and South Vietnam announced the cease-fire agreement simultaneously with your address last night. President Thieu vowed "a new phase of resistance" and said there would never be a coalition government in the South. Hanoi expressed the hope that the agreement would ensure stable peace in Vietnam. The Viet Cong pledged that they would carry out the peace treaty. TASS reported the remarks of DRV Prime Minister Pham Van Dong that the attainment of the agreement was a great victory for the Vietnamese people. The PRC Foreign Ministry announced that it welcomed the agreement, which would be conducive to the relaxation of tensions in the region. Elsewhere around the world, the news was greeted with satisfaction and approval. Americans reacted with cheers and silence, happiness and indifference, criticism and praise, according to press reports. Most families of prisoners of war were elated.



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October 27, 1972

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In reaction elsewhere, a Cambodian spokesman criticized the peace settlement ferms and repeated demands for a North Vietnamese withdrawal. A cease-fire must apply to all of Indochina. Domestic reaction to your attempts to achieve a settlement has been generally favorable. The chief concern is that peace be achieved and the prisoners returned.



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