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TO THE WHITE HOUSE, EXCLUSIVE FOR MR. KISSINGER

SECSTATE, EXCLUSIVE FOR SECRETARY ROGERS

SECDEF, EXCLUSIVE FOR SECRETARY LAIRD

DIRECTOR CIA, EXCLUSIVE FOR MR. HELMS

1. MID-MORNING 23 JANUARY "JEANNE" TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT SHE HAD NO REPEAT NO RESPONSES TO OUR QUESTIONS SINCE SUCH QUESTIONS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THEIR PROPOSAL. CONCERNING MUOI HAI, SHE SAID THAT WE SHOULD CHECK WITH THE NATIONAL POLICE FOR INFORMATION ON HIM, AS THEY WOULD KNOW HIS STATUS. WHEN SHE ASKED IF WE AGREED WITH THEIR PROPOSAL AND WOULD WE RESPOND TO IT, SHE WAS TOLD TO CALL BACK THE SAME AFTERNOON. SHE SAID SHE COULD NOT DO THIS AND INSTEAD WOULD CALL MORNING 24 JANUARY.

2. COMMENT: HER REFERENCE TO POLICE PROBABLY MEANS, AS WE EARLIER ASSUMED, THAT OTHER SIDE IS WELL AWARE THAT MUOI HAI IS DEAD.

3. SINCE I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD GET BOGGED DOWN AT THIS POINT IN DETAILS AND POSSIBLY THWART AN AUTHENTIC EFFORT TO EXCHANGE PRISONERS, WHEN SHE CALLS ON 24 JANUARY, WE PLAN TO PASS HER FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

A. WE GET MANY CALLS AND OFFERS FROM DISHONEST PEOPLE OFFERING TO RELEASE AMERICAN PRISONERS, THEREFORE, OUR QUESTIONS WERE DESIGNED TO DETERMINE IF WE ARE IN FACT TALKING TO A RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FRONT. WE KNOW THE IDENTITY OF TU ANH AND THE OTHERS AND ANY RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVE AT THE FRONT WOULD KNOW THE SAME THING. OUR QUESTION CONCERNING MUOI HAI SIMPLY MEANT THAT WE HAD NO IDEA WHO HE IS.

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By JMR NARA, Date 6/2/2010
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