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(2) no separate recognition to the Viet Cong.

LBJ will not agree before January 20 and I will not agree after January 20.

I think the South Vietnamese should not be in the position of looking like they are blocking peace. Point they have to make clear is that they will cooperate. If they do it - say that Mr. Nixon asked us to do it -- we have confidence in him on these two points. They must not put me in the position of refusing to do this. Johnson will ----

J. Edgar Hoover - said Johnson asked him to check whether we had talked on the telephone to anyone on this.

He thought the bombing pause was the----- thought Clark Clifford was master-minding this.

Attitude is that we have to work out a ~~stable~~ settlement where South Vietnam is independent ~~and~~ has a right to choose its ~~own~~ future.

I would never agree to a ~~coalition~~ coalition government. I would never agree to ~~xxxxxx~~ a separate rule for the Viet Cong.

The American people, if they think the South Vietnamese are blocking peace -- also they must indicate that they have confidence in Mr. Nixon they know that he is a man of peace and yet believes they have a right to choose their own future. They will negotiate but they are not going to negotiate away their own future.

RN will do everything he can to put pressure on the Russians.

Nixon will never sell them down the river.

These are 15 million people - I know if the communists take over they would kill five million Catholics --
They have to appear to be reasonable.

RN

Ambassador ~~(By) (Mr) (Nixon)~~ says LBJ has agreed there will be no coalition government. No separate recognition to the Viet Cong.

LBJ will not agree before January 20 -- and RN will not agree after January 20.

"I think the SV should not be in the position of looking like they are blocking peace. Point they have to make clear is that they will cooperate. If they do it say that Mr. Nixon asked us to do it -- We have confidence in him on these two points - they must not put me in the position of refusing to do this. Johnson will --

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Attitude is that we have to work ~~wxxxx~~ out a settlement with where SV is independent and has a right to choose its own future.

I would never agree to a coalition government.

I would never agree to a separate role for the Viet Cong.

The American people, if they think SV is blocking peace, will be up in arms.

Also they must indicate that they have confidence in Mr. Nixon - they know that he is a man of peace and yet believes that they have a right to choose their own future. They will negotiate but they are not going to negotiate away their own future.