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PRESIDENT THIEU SENT REPORT OF BUNDY-BUI DIEM TALK

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[REDACTED] 1.4(c)  
[REDACTED] THE PRESIDENT AND TO THE

FOREIGN MINISTER.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH [REDACTED] INSTRUCTIONS [REDACTED] FILLED  
BUNDY IN ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CONVERSATIONS HELD BETWEEN THE  
FOREIGN MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR BUNKER. BUNDY POINTED OUT THE  
FOLLOWING: 1.4(c)

1. AMBASSADOR LAN "MISQUOTED" ((A)) GOVERNOR HARRIMAN.

2. IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS  
NOW UNDERWAY, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO LIMIT THE EXCHANGE OF  
VIEWS ON ESSENTIAL MATTERS TO SAIGON, THUS AVOIDING MISUNDERSTAND-  
INGS CAUSED BY DIFFERENT REPORTS AND INTERPRETATIONS. MOREOVER,  
AMBASSADOR BUNKER IS MORE QUALIFIED TO SERVE AS DIRECT LIAISON  
BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON. 1.4(c)

3. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGE IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S  
POSITION AS STATED IN THE U.S. THREE-POINT MEMORANDUM AND IN  
THE DRAFT JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT.

4. THE ELECTIONS HAVE NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH THE  
CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS. ON THIS SUBJECT [REDACTED] THERE ARE SIGNS  
THAT THE COMING ELECTIONS AND THE RUMORS OF AN IMMINENT BOMBING  
HALT HAVE MADE THE SITUATION HERE CONFUSED AND TENSE. 1.4(c)

AS ALREADY [REDACTED] STILL IN  
TOUCH WITH THE VARIOUS POLITICAL CIRCLES TO TRY TO FIND OUT  
((WHAT IS GOING ON)), BUT WITHOUT, HOWEVER, MAKING IT TOO OBVIOUS  
BECAUSE THE SITUATION IS DELICATE AND THERE IS MUCH DANGER OF  
MISUNDERSTANDING ((B)). 1.4(c)

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