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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Dean Rusk
The Secretary of State

SUBJECT : Alleged Viet Cong Desire for Talks
in Paris with Unofficial US
Representative

This report follows up my memorandum of 6 January 1966.
It is being disseminated to you and to Mr. McGeorge Bundy
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your instruction.

/s/ Richard Helms

RICHARD HELMS
Acting Director

Attachment

cc: The Honorable McGeorge Bundy

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1. On or about 9 January, Pierre Salinger received from Daniel Anselme a telegram which, according to an agreed code, indicated that NFLSV representatives in Paris did not desire to talk with a private US representative on possible terms for the settlement of the Vietnam situation.

2. As previously reported, Salinger had been approached by Anselme and another French leftist who claimed that "Viet Cong representatives" in Paris had quite reasonable terms for negotiating an end to the conflict in South Vietnam and that they would be interested in a "friendly discussion" of these terms with a private but responsible US citizen. Anselme was to contact the Vietnamese representatives to confirm his belief and advise Salinger whether or not they were interested in meeting such a US citizen.

3. As a result of Anselme's negative telegram, Salinger now views the matter as closed.

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