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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

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SUBJECT SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1800 HOURS
LOCAL TIME, 6 APRIL 1968

ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (6 APRIL 1968) FIELD NO.

SOURCE THIS IS A VIETNAM SITUATION REPORT PREPARED
AT 1800 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON 6 APRIL.

1. IN THE LAST 24 HOURS THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN EITHER PUBLIC OPINION OR, OR GOVERNMENT REACTION TO, THE PROSPECT OF EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH HANOI.

[REDACTED] KY HAS MET SEVERAL TIMES WITH PRESIDENT THIEU TODAY AND THAT THE TWO HAVE AGREED THAT THIEU SHOULD GO ON TELEVISION SOON TO EXPLAIN THE NEW SITUATION AND THE GOVERNMENTS STAND TO THE PEOPLE. A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TO CALL FOR FULL MOBILIZATION HAS ALSO BEEN REACHED, THE SAME SOURCE REPORTS, AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL NGUYEN VAN VY

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HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH DRAWING UP A DETAILED MOBILIZATION PLAN; PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF MOBILIZATION IS NOT EXPECTED BEFORE THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK.

2. [REDACTED] PRESIDENT THIEU [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EXPECTS HANOI TO PRESS IN ITS TALKS WITH THE U.S. FOR DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT AND THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT AND FOR FRONT REPRESENTATION IN A GENUINE COALITION GOVERNMENT; THIEU CALLED BOTH OF THESE DEMANDS UNACCEPTABLE TO HIM AND TO EVERY MEMBER OF HIS GOVERNMENT. THIEU WAS REPORTEDLY ANXIOUS THAT U.S. MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID CONTINUE UNABATED DURING ANY TALKS, CALLING AID ESSENTIAL FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S SURVIVAL. [REDACTED]

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3. INSISTENCE ON THE GVN'S CENTRAL ROLE IN ANY REAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH HANOI AND ON THE UNACCEPTABILITY OF A COALITION SOLUTION CONTINUE TO BE THE MAIN THEMES OF PRESS EDITORIALS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF POLITICIANS. THE LOWER HOUSE INDEPENDENCE BLOC MADE THESE POINTS IN A 4 APRIL DECLARATION AND, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], THE LOWER HOUSE IS EXPECTED TO DRAFT A PRO-GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION TODAY SIMILAR TO THE ONE PASSED EARLIER BY THE SENATE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TENTATIVE PLANS IN TWO LOWER HOUSE BLOCS TO EXAMINE
POSSIBLE PEACE TERMS THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE WOULD FIND
PALATABLE IF NOT IDEAL.

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4. FIELD DISSEM: STATE USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE CINCPAC
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SAIGON SIGCEN NOTE: "DOI" BLANK AS RCVD FROM ORIGINATOR.
WILL CHECK IN A.M. AND ADVISE.

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