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1. I AGREE WITH PRESIDENT'S JUDGMENT THAT SOME INFORMAL BACK-
GROUNDERS ON LIKELY DIRECTION OF THIEU'S PROGRAM WOULD BE HELPFUL.

2. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE GIVEN THIEU DOCUMENT CONTAINING IDEAS
AND SUGGESTIONS TO INCORPORATE IN HIS PROGRAM, AND WHICH HE
WOULD PLAN TO ANNOUNCE IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS. THIS DOCUMENT
IS HEADED "DEMOCRACY, PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE". TEXT HAS BEEN
FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON (SAIGON 7153).

3. AS I HAVE MENTIONED IN MY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT TODAY,
WE HAVE FELT THAT IT IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT THAT HE ADDRESS THE COUNTRY
BEFORE THEN WITH A SHORTER, MORE DYNAMIC, HARDHITTING SPEECH TO
AROUSE THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR NEW GOVERNMENT,
CALLING FOR THEIR SUPPORT, AND OUTLINING A PROGRAM OF SPECIFICS.
WE HAVE, THEREFORE, PREPARED A SHORTER STATEMENT FOR HIM,
WHICH I PUT IN HIS HANDS YESTERDAY, HE HAS SAID THAT THIS HAS
COME AT AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT, FOR HE WANTS TO MAKE SUCH A
SPEECH AT THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW SENATE, WHICH HAS NOW BEEN
SET FOR OCTOBER 12.

4. THIEU HAS GONE OVER BOTH DOCUMENTS AND HAS TURNED THEM
OVER TO HIS "BRAINS TRUST" WHO ARE PREPARING HIS STATEMENTS.
AS SOON AS I CAN GET FROM HIM AN IDEA OF WHAT HE INTENDS TO
INCLUDE AND EMPHASIZE, WE WILL ARRANGE FOR BACKGROUNDERS
HERE.

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