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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM
DOI 2 OCTOBER 1967
SUBJECT VIEWS OF DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE BLOC LEADER ON VALIDATION ISSUE
[REDACTED]

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ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (2 OCTOBER 1967)
SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE BLOC (DAB) LEADER [REDACTED] STATED
[REDACTED] THAT DAB MEMBERS AND CERTAIN OTHERS HAVE
AGREED TO VOTE FOR VALIDATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION BUT WISH
TO DO SO BY MEANS OF A SECRET BALLOT.

PRESIDENT-ELECT THIEU, [REDACTED] HAS SAID THIS METHOD
IS ACCEPTABLE TO HIM.

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[REDACTED] PLANNED TO HOLD A DAB CAUCUS MONDAY MORNING AND [REDACTED] AN ASSEMBLY
VOTE COULD COME BY NOON, ALTHOUGH A LATER VOTE WAS ALSO POSSIBLE.
WHEN THE 1 OCTOBER SESSION ENDED, THE PRO-VALIDATION DEPUTIES WERE
CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC AND FELT THAT ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF THE
DEPUTIES HAD BEEN LINED UP FOR A FAVORABLE VOTE. HOWEVER,
THE OPPOSITION IS DISCIPLINED, WHEREAS THE PRO-VALIDATION GROUP IS
NOT. THE 2 OCTOBER MORNING SESSION WILL BE DEVOTED TO
DISCUSSION OF A REPORT PREPARED BY THE ELECTION COMMITTEE ON IRREGU-
LARITIES AT POLLING PLACES.

2. FIELD DISSEM: STATE (AMBASSADOR BUNKER, DEPUTY AMBASSADOR
LOCKE, POLITICAL COUNSELOR) USMACV (GENERAL WESTMORELAND, AMBASSADOR
KORNER) CINCPAC (ADMIRAL SHARP AND POLAD)
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