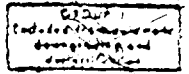


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SUBJECT: REACTION IN HANOI TO SPEECH BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON

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SOURCE:

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THE STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON ON THE MORNING

OF 1 APRIL 1968 CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF BOMBING HAS NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE MEDIA OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (DRV) THE PEOPLE HAVE NOT YET BEEN INFORMED WHILE THE TEXT IS BEING STUDIED BY THE DRV GOVERNMENT.

2. THE REACTIONS OF THE DIPLOMATS FROM THE THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IS VERY KEEN AND SOMEWHAT SKEPTICAL BECAUSE BOMBING IS BEING CONTINUED CLOSE THE THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE. THE REACTION OF THE DIPLOMATS FROM NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IS HOPEFUL.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, PERSONS FROM THE UNITED STATES CENTER OF STUDIES OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN IN

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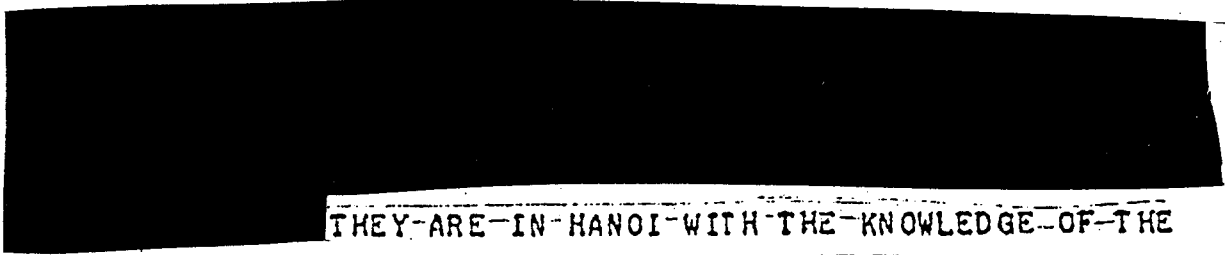
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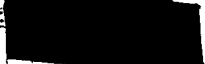
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THEY ARE IN HANOI WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE
U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, AND THEIR PURPOSE IS TO MAKE INFORMAL CONTACTS.
THEY WERE REPORTED TO BE SENDING A CABLE TO THE STATE
DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON, AND TO THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN VIENTIANE
TO THE FOLLOWING EFFECT: ATTENTION AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN, VIENTIANE.
PLEASE SEND URGENT WILLIAM BUNDY WASHINGTON. EXTENDED DISCUSSIONS OF
PROPOSALS REVIEWED WITH YOU HAVE PRODUCED A TENTATIVE
AGREEMENT FOR A MEETING WITH THE DRV ONLY. THE STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT
JOHNSON MAY REMOVE THE LAST OBSTACLE. EXPECT FORMAL AND
OFFICIAL RESPONSE TOMORROW. WE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH THIS
CHANNEL. BAGGS AND ASHMORE.

4. THIS MESSAGE, 
PRESUMES A FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM THE DRV. 

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[REDACTED] ALTHOUGH THE DRV WANTS A DIRECT MEETING BETWEEN THE DRV AND THE
U.S. WITHOUT AN INTERMEDIARY, BAGGS AND ASHMORE HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS
MATTER BE TREATED AS STRICTLY SECRET.

5. FIELD DISSEM: STATE AMBASSADOR ONLY) CINCPAC AND POLAD (ALSO SENT:
SAIGON (AMBASSADOR AND COMMANDING GENERAL ONLY) [REDACTED]
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