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FROM: AMBASSADOR BUNKER, SAIGON 249

TO: THE WHITE HOUSE, HENRY A KISSINGER

1. YOU MAY RECALL THAT I HAVE BEEN PLANNING TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR THE CEREMONY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SYLVANUS THAYER AWARD AT WEST POINT ON MAY 8 AND FOR CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON SUBSEQUENTLY. SOMETIME AGO, BILZ SULLIVAN INFORMED ME THAT SINCE PHIL HABIB WAS ALSO RETURNING, IT WAS PLANNED THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH YOU, POSSIBLY THE PRESIDENT, AND OTHERS WERE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 11 AND 12. I AM ALSO SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MAY 14, WHICH I AM NOT PARTICULARLY LOOKING FORWARD TO.

2. SINCE CAROL WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCOMPANY ME DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF HER DCM, I HAD PLANNED TO LEAVE HERE MAY 2 OR 3, LEAVE KATHMANDU ON THE 5TH AND ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON THE NIGHT OF MAY 6. SINCE THE SITUATION HERE HAS CHANGED CONSIDERABLY WITHIN THE LAST WEEKS, I HAVE WANTED TO SEND THIS REMINDER OF MY PLANS IN CASE YOU OR THE PRESIDENT FEEL I SHOULD CHANGE THEM

NEW SUBJECT:

3. WHILE I REPORTED ON SATURDAY THAT PRESIDENT THIEU WAS GREATLY DISTURBED AND UPSET BY THE LEAK ON THE SHIPMENT OF AK-47'S TO PHNOM PENH, WHEN I SAW HIM THIS MORNING HE WAS MUCH MORE RELAXED, TO WHICH A DAY'S FISHING YESTERDAY AT VUNG TAU NO DOUBT CONTRIBUTED. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN ALREADY THE MESSAGES WHICH HAVE GONE OUT ON THE SHIPMENT TO BE MADE AT 0300, TOMORROW APRIL 28 (SAIGON 6393 AND 6395), THE LATTER REFLECTING THIEU'S PRESENT MORE OPTIMISTIC MOOD.

4. BEST REGARDS.

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