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FM AMBASSADOR PORTER, PARIS 1716
TO THE WHITE HOUSE, FOR DR. HENRY KISSINGER.

THERE ARE SOME SIGNS THAT THE CHINESE ARE LIMITING THEIR PRAISE FOR NVN/VC EFFORT TO MILITARY MATTERS. THIS WAS IMPLIED BY NATURE OF THEIR RECEPTION FOR MADAME BINK WHEN SHE ARRIVED AT PEKING. ALSO, IN COMMENTING ON RECENT U.S. PROTECTIVE REACTION RAID, "PEOPLE'S DAILY" REFERENCE TO THE SEVEN POINTS OMITTED ANY DEMAND ON POLITICAL SIDE, I.E. THAT THE U.S. MUST STOP SUPPORTING THIEU REGIME.

I HAVE LONG BELIEVED AS YOU KNOW THAT CHINESE AND NVN/VC DIFFER ON HOW TO HANDLE THE SITUATION. FOR THE CHINESE, NUMBER ONE OBJECTIVE IS TO GET AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE OFF THE MAINLAND, AFTER WHICH PROBLEMS SUCH AS THOSE PRESENTED BY THIEU CAN BE DEALT WITH. THE CHINESE ARE PROBABLY IMPRESSED BY EFFECT HANDLING OVER FIVE OR SIX HUNDRED PRISONERS WOULD HAVE ON ATTAINMENT OF THEIR OBJECTIVE NUMBER ONE.

THE NVN AND ESPECIALLY THE VC SEE IT DIFFERENTLY. UNLESS THE AMERICANS CAN BE FORCED TO DO MORE THAN JUST LEAVE MILITARILY, UNLESS THEY CAN BE FORCED TO MAKE MEASURES TO UNDERMINE THIEU, THE LATTER WOULD REMAIN AND WOULD BE A TOUGHER NUT TO CRACK THAN THE CHINESE REALIZE.

AT PRESENT TIME NVN/VC UNDOUBTEDLY ARE CONSIDERING WHAT MOVE THEY CAN MAKE BEFORE THE PRESIDENT MAKES HIS STATEMENT ON NOVEMBER 15. IF THEY HAVE DEVELOPED ANYTHING NEW THEY ARE MOST LIKELY TO SPRING IT BEFORE RATHER THAN AFTER THE STATEMENT. THEY HAVE BEEN UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE OF LATE TO SIMPLIFY POINT ONE AND ANY EFFORT THEY MAKE MAY BE DESIGNED TO APPEAR TO DO THAT AND THUS CAUSE ANOTHER FLURRY IN THE U.S. PRESS. MY OWN GUESS IS THAT THE ODDS THEY WILL MOVE IN SOME WAY BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 ARE SOMEWHAT BETTER THAN FIFTY-FIFTY.

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