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TO: Ambassador Porter  
FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*  
SUBJECT: May 4 Plenary Session

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You are getting updated instructions for the Plenary session through regular channels, with a slight new twist regarding suspension of Plenaries if the other side tries tactic of appearing flexible. This is to let you know that we have approved this message and have informed Bunker accordingly.

State Dept. review  
completed

In any event, you should use the formulation that we have discussed to the effect that "we have made absolutely no progress with the other side in any of the available channels."

In addition to the questions for the other side suggested in the State channel, others that come to mind include:

- Will you discuss restoration by both sides of the status quo ante March 30, 1972?
- Will you discuss a mutual return to the circumstances that surrounded the cessation of acts of force against the DRV in 1968?

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-- Will you consider any political solution that does not include the overthrow of the elected leadership of South Vietnam and discuss these matters directly with the GVN as presently constituted?

Good luck and warm regards.

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