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FM AMBASSADOR PORTER PARIS
TO THE WHITE HOUSE EYES ONLY FOR DR. HENRY KISSINGER

1. AS WE AGREED, I CAREFULLY LEFT DOOR OPEN FOR US TO
TAKE INITIATIVE IN PROPOSING A MEETING IF WE THINK DISCUSSION
WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

2. THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT OF MAY 8 PROVIDES AMPLE
BASIS FOR MEETING WHEN TIMEING IS RIGHT FROM YOUR VIEWPOINT.
AT MINIMUM, A READING HERE IN PARIS OF OPERATIVE PARTS OF
THE STATEMENT, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH BEAR ON
GENEROUS TERMS FOR CESSATION OF ACTIVITY AGAINST THE NORTH
AND WITHDRAWAL, WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FROM PUBLIC RELATIONS
POINT OF VIEW. SECTION I HAVE IN MIND FOR EMPHASIS BEGINS
WITH PHRASE "THESE ACTIONS I HAVE ORDERED WILL CEASE, ETC."
THROUGH "THEY DESERVE IMMEDIATE ACCEPTANCE BY NORTH
VIET-NAM."

3. HOWEVER, I DO NOT REPEAT NOT RECOMMEND MEETING BEFORE
HANOI FEELS PRESSURE OF OUR ACTIVITIES OR BEFORE WE CAN
ASSESS NATURE OF OTHER REACTION. PERHAPS BY FIRST OF JUNE
THESE CONDITIONS WILL MAKE U.S. INITIATIVE USEFUL. IF SITUATION
SEEMS TO BE DEVELOPING SATISFACTORILY WE COULD MAKE
PROPOSAL COUPLE OF WEEKS PRIOR TO DATE WE HAVE IN MIND
FOR MEETING. THIS WOULD HELP KEEP PUBLIC MIND ON CONTINUED
EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE. OTHERWISE MEDIA WILL CONCENTRATE
ON MILITARY ACTIVITY ONLY.

4. I WILL BE SENDING SOME GENERAL THOUGHTS ALONG THIS
LINE THROUGH STATE CHANNEL, THIS IS TO GIVE YOU MORE OF
ESSENCE OF MY THINKING.

5. WARM REGARDS.

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