

25X1

1971 JUL 3 17 51

VVD SI 861

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS
APPLY

1557 184-1725

ZNY MMNSH

O 031720Z ZYH ZFF-1

FM WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

ZEM

CONFIDENTIAL EYES ONLY HANDLE CAS CHANNELS

DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS DAY

SIT TO NO. 25

TO: DAVID HALPERIN FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER (SAIGON)

FROM: B/GEN ALEXANDER M. HAIG

SUBJECT: PETERSON'S BRIEFING BOOK AND GENERALIZED PREFERENCES

PETE PETERSON HAS FORWARDED FOR OUR COMMENT A MEMORANDUM TO GO TO THE PRESIDENT TODAY TRANSMITTING PETERSON'S BRIEFING BOOK ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION. HE ASKS THE PRESIDENT TO DECIDE WHETHER IT SHOULD BE PUBLISHED.

PETERSON ALSO PROPOSES A DELAY IN SUBMISSION OF GENERALIZED TARIFF PREFERENCE LEGISLATION. HE HAS TALKED TO ROGERS AND GOTTEN HIS RELUCTANT AGREEMENT TO POSTPONE SUBMISSION. PETERSON WISHES TO USE A DELAY TO REFORMULATE OUR PREFERENCE SCHEME ALONG MORE RESTRICTIVE LINES, IMITATING EUROPEANS AND JAPANESE. HIS MEMORANDUM ASSUMES THAT, ON THE BASIS OF A CONVERSATION WITH HIM, THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE A DECISION TO DELAY.

BECAUSE OF THE IMPLICATION, I HAVE INFORMED PETERSON THAT HE SHOULD:

1. DELETE ANY MENTION IN HIS MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT OF A PROPOSED DELAY IN SUBMISSION OF TARIFF PREFERENCE LEGISLATION, UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN A CHANCE TO ASSESS THE FOREIGN POLICY CONSEQUENCES.
2. DELETE A REQUEST FOR A PRESIDENTIAL DECISION ON PUBLISHING THE BRIEFING BOOK UNTIL THE AGENCIES AND THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW IT.

WE ARE TAKING A TOUGH LINE WITH PETERSON ON THESE TWO ISSUES AND PLAN TO DO SO UNTIL YOU RETURN UNLESS YOU WISH SOME OTHER APPROACH.

300

1557

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

JUL 3 PM 1:57

NNNNVV