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IMMEDIATE
TO: DEPUTY SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS BRIG. GEN. BRENT SCOWCRAFT, WHITE HOUSE
FROM: ENDERS PHNOM PENH 1627
SUBJECT: MEKONG PRACKAGE

1. PLEASE LOOK AT PHNOM PENH 2193/080100Z NOV 73 WHICH LAYS OUT PACKAGE OF MEKONG ACTIONS REQUIRED AS WE SEE THEM.

2. UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF THESE ACTIONS ARE ALREADY IN TRAIN. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE CAN SUPPORT THEM FURTHER IN ANY WAY.

3. THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF TALK ABOUT CREATING A "MEKONG CZAR" OR SOME SUCH DEVICE TO ORGANIZE ALL ASPECTS OF THIS OPERATION. AS MY MESSAGE MAKES CLEAR, ALL OF THOSE DIRECTLY INVOLVED (USSAG, USDAO SAIGON, USAID SAIGON AND THIS MISSION) STRONGLY BELIEVE SUCH A CHANGE TO BE NEITHER NECESSARY NOR DESIRABLE. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT WE CAN AVOID TRYING TO SOLVE THE NON-PROBLEM OF ORGANIZING SHIPPING ON THE MEKONG, AND CONCENTRATE ON THE VERY REAL PROBLEM OF FINDING THE FUNDS AND THE GOODS NEEDED TO KEEP CAMBODIA AFLOAT.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

4. WITH MUCH REGARD.
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