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ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS
APPLY

CUSTOMER CALLED ANDERSON AT 1830 PARIS TIME AND
REQUESTED 1930 APPOINTMENT WITH CHARLEBOIS. CUSTOMER
HANDED OVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE:
QUOTE:

REGARDING THE CEASE-FIRE IN LAOS, WE HAVE AGREED
DURING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS IN PARIS THAT IT WOULD BE
PORPOSED TO THE CONCERNED PARTIES IN LAOS TO CARRY OUT
A CEASE-FIRE WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER THE PARIS AGREE-
MENT ON VIETNAM HAD COME INTO EFFECT.

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DURING YOUR VISIT TO HANOI, YOU FURTHER PORPOSED
THAT THE CEASE-FIRE BE ACCOMPANIED WITH THE WITHDRAWAL
OF FOREIGN TROOPS. WE HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THE WITHDRAWAL
OF FOREIGN TROOPS MUST BE AGREED UPON BY THE PARTIES
IN LAOS IN AN OVERALL AGREEMENT ON LAOS. AFTERWARDS,
WE AGREED WITH YOU THAT YOU WOULD TALK WITH THE VIENTIANE
SIDE SO THAT THE LATTER PUT FORTH THE PROPOSAL FOR
IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE, AND WE WOULD TALK WITH THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT SO THAT THE FRONT IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED
TO THAT PROPOSAL. THE CEASE-FIRE PROPOSAL WAS TO STIPULATE
THAT THE TWO SIDES IN LAOS WOULD ORDER AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-
FIRE, AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE
CEASE-FIRE THE TWO SIDES IN LAOS WOULD AGREE ON A POLITICAL
SOLUTION IN ORDER TO SIGN AN OVERALL AGREEMENT WITH
PROVISIONS ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS,
MILITARY ADVISERS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL; THE TIME FOR
THIS TROOP WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE TWO
SIDES IN LAOS ON THE BASIS OF THE PROPOSAL OF THE LAO
PATRIOTIC FRONT SIDE FOR A PERIOD OF NINETY DAYS AND THE
PROPOSAL OF THE VIENTIANE SIDE FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS
AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE OVERALL AGREEMENT.

AS EARLY AS FEBRUARY 13, 1973 WE INFORMED OUR ALLIES
IN LAOS, AND THE LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT FULLY AGREED WITH
US ON A CEASE-FIRE AS MENTIONED ABOVE AND TOLD US THAT A
CEASE-FIRE COULD BE CARRIED OUT ON FEBRUARY 15, 1973. OUR
LAO FRIENDS WAITED FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE PROPOSAL
BY THE VIENTIANE SIDE, AS WE HAD AGREED TO PROPOSE TO THE
CONCERNED PARTIES IN LAOS DURING YOUR STAY IN HANOI, BUT

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SO FAR THE VIENTIANE SIDE HAS NOT MADE ANY PROPOSAL FOR IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE AND INSTEAD IT HAS REITERATED THE PROPOSALS IT HAD ALWAYS PUT FORTH DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENTIANE.

THUS, THE VIENTIANE SIDE IS ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DELAY IN BRINGING ABOUT A CEASE-FIRE IN LAOS.

AFTER RECEIVING YOUR FEBRUARY 16 MESSAGE, WE IMMEDIATELY TALKED WITH OUR ALLIES IN LAOS ON FEBRUARY 17, AND THE LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS AGREED TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND PUT FORTH A PROPOSAL FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE AS WE HAD AGREED TO PROPOSE TO THE CONCERNED LAO PARTIES WHEN YOU WERE IN HANOI.

THEREFORE YOU HAVE TO TALK WITH THE VIENTIANE SIDE TO BRING ABOUT A TIMELY RESPONSE ON THEIR PART TO THE CEASE-FIRE PROPOSAL BY THE LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT SIDE, SO THAT A CEASE-FIRE MAY BE IMMEDIATELY CARRIED OUT IN LAOS. END QUOTE.

NOTE: TEXT WAS HANDED OVER IN VIETNAMESE AND ENGLISH. VIETNAMESE TEXT WILL BE AIRMAILED TO YOU.

WARM REGARDS.
END OF MESSAGE

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