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VIA BUNKER CHLS
FROM: WHITE HOUSE
TO: AMEMBASSY SAIGON
CITE: WHS2299

URGENT DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

OCTOBER 26, 1972

FOR: AMBASSADOR BUNKER
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

IN VIEW OF WHAT IS APPARENT HANOI PUBLICATION OF DRAFT AGREEMENT, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU IMPRESS UPON THIEU THE NEED TO HOLD UP ON PUBLIC COMMENT UNTIL WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CONCERT WITH HIM ON SUBSEQUENT STRATEGY. IF, AS IT NOW APPEARS, HANOI MOVES INTO MAJOR PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO EITHER ISOLATE THIEU OR EFFECT U.S. DOMESTIC SITUATION OR BOTH, IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL THAT THIEU UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPLETE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND GVN IN CONCERTING TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE. PLEASE CONTACT THIEU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND FLASH VIA THIS CHANNEL YOUR AND HIS BEST ESTIMATES ON PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL LINES WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN. IN BOTH CAPITALS. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN THIEU'S VIEWS, DO NOT DELAY IN PROVIDING YOUR BEST ESTIMATE BY FLASH MESSAGE VIA THIS CHANNEL.

WARM REGARDS.

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