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FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
TO: AMBASSADOR BUNKER, SAIGON
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1. YOU SHOULD BE RECEIVING SHORTLY A MESSAGE FROM STATE DEPARTMENT OUTLINING TENTATIVE PLANS FOR GENERAL HAIG'S TRIP TO SOUTH VIETNAM NEXT WEEK. THE PRESIDENT HAS DIRECTED HIM TO MAKE THE TRIP IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND TO OBTAIN YOUR VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF LONG RANGE ISSUES. BRIEFLY, HAIG PLANS TO ARRIVE ON THE MORNING OF TUESDAY, MARCH 16, SPEND THE NEXT DAY IN PHNOM PENH, VISIT THE I CORPS AREA ON MARCH 18, AND THEN REMAIN IN SAIGON UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE FOR HAWAII ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 20. HE HOPES TO MEET WITH YOU IF CONVENIENT ON THE FIRST DAY AND WITH PRESIDENT THIEU ON THE AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY, MARCH 19, IF THAT CAN BE ARRANGED.
 2. DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT THIEU WILL FOCUS PRIMARILY ON THE FUTURE OF THE LAM SON OPERATION AND THE POLITICO-MILITARY STRATEGY RELATED TO IT. GENERAL HAIG WILL, OF COURSE, REVIEW IN DETAIL WITH YOU THE PRESIDENT'S CURRENT THINKING ON THIS MATTER.
 3. MACV HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SOUTH VIETNAM PORTION OF THE VISIT, COORDINATING CLOSELY WITH THE EMBASSY.
- WARM REGARDS.

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