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VIETNAMESE (SOUTH) CIPHER/FRENCH  
AMBASSADOR LAM REPORTS DISCUSSION OF PROTOCOLS BETWEEN  
SULLIVAN AND SYN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON  
FR PARIS DELEGATION; ((AMBASSADOR)) PHAM DANG LAM 14 JAN 73 2030  
TO SAIGON ((PRESIDENT'S OFFICE)); COMMISSIONER GENERAL  
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THIS AFTERNOON ((AMBASSADOR TRAN KIM)) PHUONG MET ((DEPUTY C  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM H.)) SULLIVAN AND ALDRICH ON  
QUESTIONS OF PROTOCOL. THE DISCUSSIONS RESTED ON THE FOLLOWING  
QUESTIONS, ON WHICH THE U.S. AND NORTH VIETNAMESE EXPERTS ARE  
NOT YET IN AGREEMENT:

1. THE PLACES FOR STATIONING AND EQUIPPING THE FOUR-PARTY  
INSPECTION COMMISSION. SO FAR, AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE  
PLACES FOR STATIONING OF ONLY SEVEN REGIONAL TEAMS, WHICH HAVE  
ALREADY BEEN MENTIONED IN THE DRAFT PROTOCOL SENT BY AMBASSADOR  
BUNKER. BESIDES THESE REGIONAL TEAMS, THE COMMUNIST SIDE DEMANDS  
THAT THERE BE AN INSPECTION TEAM AT EACH PROVINCIAL CAPITAL. THE  
U.S. DELEGATION IS AGAINST THE INSTALLATION OF INSPECTION TEAMS WHERE  
THE ARE COMMUNIST TROOP CONCENTRATIONS. HE ((PHUONG)) INFORMED SULLI-  
VAN THAT HE SHARE THIS POINT OF VIEW SUBJECT TO SAIGON'S APPROVAL.
2. THE POINTS ON THE INTRODUCTION OF ARMS AND EQUIPMENT EARMARKED  
FOR REPLACEMENT. THE U.S. DELEGATION INTENDS TO PROPOSE FOR US THREE  
POINTS OF ENTRY BY AIR AND SEA, NAMELY SAIGON, CAMRANH, AND DANANG.  
AS THE TWO PARTIES HAVE A RIGHT TO THE SAME NUMBER OF ENTRY POINTS  
LOCATED IN TERRITORY CONTROLLED BY THEIR OWN FORCES, THE U.S. DELE-  
GATION ENVISAGES CONCEDING TO THE NLF ((NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT))  
TWO ENTRY POINTS ON LAND THROUGH THE DMZ ((DEMILITARIZED ZONE)) AND  
ONE POINT BY SEA. THE COMMUNISTS STILL HAVE NOT MADE KNOWN THEIR  
CHOICE ON THIS SUBJECT. HE TOLD SULLIVAN THAT THE ONLY ENTRY POINT  
BY SEA POSSIBLE FOR THE NLF IS CUA VIET, WHICH IS PRESENTLY UNDER

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COMMUNIST CONTROL. WE OPPOSE ALL OTHER ENTRY BY SEA FOR THE NLF ALONG OUR COASTS IN THE CHINA SEA AND GULF OF THAILAND. CONCERNING THE ENTRY POINTS BY LAND, DESPITE THE OBJECTION TO AUTHORIZING ENTRY POINTS BY LAND THROUGH THE DMZ FOR COMMUNIST ARMS AND EQUIPMENT, THE FACT THAT THE COMMUNISTS WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO USE LAOTIAN AND KMER TERRITORY HAS THE EFFECT OF NOT PERMITTING US TO CONSIDER ANOTHER POINT.

3. CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF POW'S, THE U.S. DELEGATION WISHES TO KNOW URGENTLY THE NUMBER AND LOCATION WHERE IT WILL FIND OUR PRESENT POW CAMPS IN ORDER TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE NUMBER OF INSPECTION TEAMS OF THE ICCS ((INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION)) AND THE FOUR-PARTY COMMISSION. THE U.S. DELEGATION ASKS THAT THIS INFORMATION BE FURNISHED THEM BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE EXPERTS AT 1000 HOURS. THE U.S. DELEGATION ALSO ASKS THAT WE CONFIRM OUR VIEWPOINTS ON THE FIRST AND SECOND QUESTIONS. TODAY SULLIVAN GAVE US THE VIETNAMESE VERSION OF THE ACCORD SUPPLIED BY NORTH VIETNAM AND DELAYED AS THE PROTOCOL TEXTS ((HAVE BEEN)), FROM 12 TO 13 JANUARY. THE VIETNAMESE VERSION OF THE THE PROTOCOLS STILL IS NOT AVAILABLE.

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