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VIETNAMESE (SOUTH) CIPHER/

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SULLIVAN BRIEFS SOUTH VIETNAMESE ON PROGRESS OF PROTOCOL
WORK BY U.S., NORTH VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATIC TECHNICIANS.

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FR PARIS: DELEGATION: ((AMBASSADOR)) PHAM DANG LAM 15 JAN 73 2330
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U.S. AND NORTH VIETNAMESE ((DIPLOMATIC TECHNICAL)) EXPERTS
DISCUSSED TODAY THE POW PROTOCOLS WITHOUT YET ARRIVING AT AN
AGREEMENT. THE COMMUNISTS DEMAND THE RELEASE OF THE GREATER PART
OF THE CIVILIAN PRISONERS WITHIN 60 DAYS. ((AMBASSADOR WILLIAM H.))
SULLIVAN REFUSED, INVOKING THE TERMS OF ARTICLE 8C OF THE ACCORD,
ACCORDING TO WHICH THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES COMMIT THEM-
SELVES ONLY TO DOING THEIR UTMOST TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM OF THE
RELEASE OF CIVILIAN PRISONERS WITHIN 90 DAYS.
THE COMMUNISTS DEMANDED, IN OTHER RESPECTS, THAT THE INSPECTION
OF THE CIVILIAN PRISON CAMPS AND OF THE POW CAMPS BE MADE BY A
NATIONAL RED CROSS (SULLIVAN IS FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT THE COMMUNISTS
PREFER THE CANADIAN RED CROSS). SULLIVAN REPLIED THAT IT IS UP TO
THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES TO AGREE LATER ON THE ORGANISM
QUALIFIED FOR THE INSPECTION. WE IMMEDIATELY RAISED THE QUESTION
OF RECIPROCITY AND OF THE NECESSITY OF DEMANDING THAT THE COMMUNISTS
FURNISH US EVEN NOW A LIST OF THEIR POW CAMPS AND CIVILIAN PRISON
CAMPS, IN NORTH AS WELL AS SOUTH VIETNAM. WE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE
WHICH WE ATTACH TO OBTAINING A LIST OF THE COMMUNIST CAMPS. INDEED,
THE NUMBER AND LOCATIONS OF OUR CAMPS ARE ALREADY WELL KNOWN AND
((THEY HAVE BEEN)) INSPECTED FOR THE MOST PART BY THE ICRC. IF WE

***** *WHSR COMMENT *****

HAK, SCOWCROFT, KENNEDY, HOWE, LORD. SENT TO SULLIVAN.

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WAIT UNTIL LATER TO ASK FOR THESE LISTS, THE COMMUNIST SIDE COULD HIDE THEIR CAMPS, AND THEN ONLY OUR CAMPS WILL HAVE TO UNDERGO AN INSPECTION. SULLIVAN PROMISED TO RETURN TO THIS QUESTION DURING THE MEETING TOMORROW.

CONCERNING THE FOUR-PARTY PROTOCOL, SULLIVAN ASKED THE COMMUNISTS WHEN AND HOW THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CENTRAL ORGAN OF THIS COMMISSION WILL GO TO SAIGON. THE COMMUNISTS WILL ANSWER THIS QUESTION IN WRITING. PREVIOUSLY THEY HAD INDICATED THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES CAN BE PRESENT WITHIN 24 HOURS AND THAT THEY ASKED FOR NO SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.

MANY TIMES SULLIVAN ASKED US TO TELL HIM OF SAIGON'S ANSWER ON THE MATTER OF THE CENTERS FOR THE FOUR-PARTY CONTROL TEAMS AND THE ICCS ((INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION)) (ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION, GENERAL VINH LOC REPORTEDLY PREFERS THAT THESE TEAMS BE INSTALLED IN THE PROVINCIAL CAPITALS FOR REASONS OF LOGISTICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS CONVENIENCES), AS WELL AS ON THE POINTS OF ENTRY FOR THE ARMS AND EQUIPMENT DESTINED AS REPLACEMENTS. TO OUR QUESTION ON THE DATE AND PURPOSE OF THE RETURN TO PARIS ((OF DR. HENRY A.)) KISSINGER, SULLIVAN ANSWERED THAT IT WOULD BE TO INITIAL THE TEXT OF THE ACCORD, IF ALL OF THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE PROTOCOLS WILL BE SETTLED BY THEN; IF NOT, HE WILL CARRY ON NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROTOCOLS UNTIL THE FINAL CONCLUSION.

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