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TO WHITE HOUSE (ATTN: MR. D. MCHANIS FOR SERIES CHECK)

~~TOP SECRET UMBRA GAMMA CONTROLLED ITEM~~

TRANSMITTED HERewith IS A SOUTH VIETNAMESE MESSAGE. NORMAL DISTRIBUTION FOR THIS MESSAGE IS IN THE GAMMA SERIES. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY LIMITATIONS OVER AND ABOVE EXISTING GAMMA RESTRICTIONS ARE REQUIRED. THIS MESSAGE WAS TRANSMITTED TO THE WHITE HOUSE ONLY.

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VIETNAMESE (SOUTH) CIPHER/ --

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U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ROME REPORTEDLY TO SUCCEED BUNKER IN SAIGON; KISSINGER REPORTEDLY APPREHENSIVE ABOUT POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS FAILURE; SURPRISED BY NIXON'S DEFENSE OF THIEU

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FR PARIS DELEGATION; ((AMBASSADOR)) PHAM DANG LAM 9 JAN 73 1700 TO SAIGON; PRESIDENT'S OFFICE; ((PRESS SECRETARY)) HOANG DUC NHA IMMEDIATE 007/PDVNCH/P/M

~~SECRET~~

PLEASE PRESENT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO PRESIDENT ((THIEU)), TO USE AS HE SEES FIT:

1. A FRIEND COMING FROM WASHINGTON, WELL KNOWN AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND KNOWN FOR HIS ANTI-COMMUNIST SENTIMENTS, REVEALED TO US THAT THE PRESENT U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ROME, GRAHAM MARTIN, (B VAL URGED) TO SUCCEED U.S. AMBASSADOR ((ELLSWORTH)) BUNKER, HAS ACCEPTED PROVIDED THAT THE FUTURE PEACE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT PERMIT A COMMUNIST SEIZURE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. ((PRESIDENT)) NIXON HAD REASSURED HIM, STATING THAT HE WILL NEVER ALLOW SUCH A POSSIBILITY TO TRANSPIRE. AMBASSADOR MARTIN WILL TAKE UP HIS NEW POST ONLY AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE PEACE AGREEMENT. FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S PRESENCE IN SAIGON DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

2. MURREY HARDER, A WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT PASSING THROUGH PARIS AT THE PRESENT TIME, DISCLOSED TO US IN ANOTHER CONNECTION THAT ((DR. HENRY A.)) KISSINGER, WHOM HE HAD SEEN SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE

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LEAVING WASHINGTON, SEEMED TO HIM ((TO BE)) RATHER DISTURBED. MAR-  
DER REMARKED THAT KISSINGER HAD LOST MUCH OF HIS CUSTOMARY ASSUR-  
ANCE AND EVEN SHOWED GREAT APPREHENSION WITH REGARD TO THE POSSI-  
BLE FAILURE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH LE DUC THO. KISSINGER ALSO LET  
IT BE UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WAS SURPRISED BY THE BEHAVIOR OF PRESID-  
ENT NIXON, WHO HAD ENERGETICALLY DEFENDED CERTAIN POINTS OF VIEW OF  
PRESIDENT ((THIEU)).

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