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

~~T O P S E C R E T UMDRA - GAMMA CONTROLLED ITEM~~

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VIETNAMESE (SOUTH) PLAIN/FRENCH

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SAIGON SAYS IT WILL SIGN AGREEMENT ONLY AFTER TEXT OF AGREEMENT IS
APPROVED

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FR SAIGON: OFFICE OF THE

PRESIDENT; ((PRESIDENTIAL
SECRETARY)) HOANG DUC NHA 12 JAN 73 2110

TO PARIS: AMBASSADOR PHAM DANG LAM FLASH 0156/PTT/BT/M

~~SECRET~~

PURSUANT TO YOUR TELEGRAMS 10 AND 14/POVN.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO CONFIRM:

1. MY TELEGRAM 0153 DEFINES CLEARLY THE FORMULA FOR SIGNING.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE DOCUMENT. HOWEVER, I EMPHASIZE
THAT WE CAN SIGN ONLY AFTER WE HAVE APPROVED THE TEXT OF THE
AGREEMENT. THE QUESTION OF THE MODALITIES OF SIGNING COMES IN ORDER
OF PRIORITY AND URGENCY AFTER THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT. THEREFORE,
IN AS MUCH AS THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT HAS NOT RESOLVED OUR ESSENTIAL
POINTS MENTIONED IN PRESIDENT ((THIEU))'S LETTERS OF 20 DECEMBER AND
7 JANUARY, ((WHICH)) ARE NOT RESOLVED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE
VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT IS NOT YET ABLE

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TO SAY WHETHER IT WILL AGREE OR NOT TO SIGN NDR CAN IT COME TO TERMS ON THE PLACE OF SIGNING. IF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT APPROVES THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT IT WILL SIGN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FORMULA DESCRIBED IN MY CABLE 0153. HOWEVER, I CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH THE U.S. SIDE CONSIDERS VIRTUALLY FINALIZED STILL LEAVES UNRESOLVED OUR BASIC POINTS WHICH WERE DESCRIBED IN THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

2. PLEASE INFORM THE U.S. SIDE THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED ONLY THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE PROTOCOL TEXTS. OUR TASK FORCE HERE HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO WORK ((ON THEM)). ONLY AFTER WE HAVE COORDINATED MATTERS WITH YOUR TASK FORCE OVER THERE WILL WE BE ABLE TO SAY WHETHER IT IS ACCEPTABLE OR NOT.

3. PLEASE CONVEY THIS INFORMATION TO THE U.S. SIDE, USING AS A BASIS MY CABLE 0153 AS WELL AS THIS ONE.

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