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SOUTH VIETNAM PROPOSES ITS OWN FORMULA FOR SIGNING  
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FR SAIGON: PRESIDENT'S OFFICE; HOANG DUC NHA 12 JAN 73 1700  
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IN REFERENCE TO YOUR MESSAGE I HAVE THE HONOR TO CONFIRM TO YOU THE DECISIONS OF THE NSC ((NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL)):

1. THE GVN ((GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM)) CONSIDERS THE FORMULA FOR THE SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT AS A SECONDARY ISSUE SINCE THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE GVN AND OUR POINTS OF SUBSTANCE RESOLVED. AS OF TODAY OUR POINTS OF SUBSTANCE HAVE STILL NOT BEEN RESOLVED INSPITE OF OUR MAJOR CONCESSION ON THE POLITICAL QUESTION.

2. AS FOR THE MODALITY FOR SIGNING, THE GVN PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING FORMULA. THERE WILL BE A SINGLE DOCUMENT COMPRISING THE PREAMBLE WITH THE PARTIES AT THE CONFERENCE, ETC., AND NOT THE NAMES OF THE FOUR GOVERNMENT'S. AFTER THE PREAMBLE COMES THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT. IT IS QUITE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT MUST BE APPROVED BY THE GVN AND MUST NOT MENTION THE PRG ((POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT)) IN ANY FORM.

FINALLY, TWO SEPARTE PAGES, ON THE FIRST PAGE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE GVN WILL SIGN. ON THE SECOND SHEET THE OTHER SIDE WILL SIGN, AND IT CAN SIGN UNDER ANY NAMES IT PLEASURES. THE ADVANTAGE TO THIS FORMULA IS THAT IT REFLECTS THE "TWO SIDES" CONCEPT AND THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE GVN ARE STILL TOGETHER ((1)). ((AN)) OTHER ADVANTAGE IS THAT THE OTHER SIDE CAN SIGN UNDER WHATEVER NAMES IT PLEASURES.

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3. WE INSIST ON THE FACT THAT THE SIGNATURE ACCORDING TO THE  
FORMULA PROPOSED BY US CANNOT BE EXECUTED UNTIL THE GVN HAS  
APPROVED THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT.

BEST REGARDS.

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