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TO WHITE HOUSE (ATTN MR DAVID MCHANIS FOR SERIES CHECK)

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SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR RELAYS WHITE HOUSE, STATE DEPARTMENT CONCERN OVER COMING VISIT OF SENATORS AND DEPUTIES TO WASHINGTON  
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FR WASHINGTON: ((SOUTH VIETNAMESE EMBASSY)); ((AMBASSADOR)) TRAN KIM PHUONG 5 JAN 73

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SECRETARY HOANG DUC NHA IMMEDIATE 4/C/TKP/W/13/TLX ((THE)) WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT ((ARE)) VERY UNHAPPY ABOUT ((THE)) NEWS ((OF)) VISITS ((OF)) SENATORS AND DEPUTIES PUBLISHED IN TIN SONG. THEY ARE WORRY((SIC)) AND NERVOUS BECAUSE NEXT WEEK IS A VERY SENSITIVE WEEK IN PARIS. I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER BROUGHT ALONG BY AMBASSADOR BUI DIEM AND SHOULD LIKE TO HAVE((SIC)) SOME COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:

1. IT IS NOT GOOD TO HAVE ((A)) BIG GROUP OF SENATORS AND DEPUTIES HERE NEXT WEEK. DR. DO AND AMBASSADOR BUI DIEM WILL NOT TO((SIC)) LEAVE WASHINGTON UNTIL NEXT THURSDAY. THEY HAVE SEEN ((DR. HENRY A.)) KISSINGER TODAY AND WILL SEE SECRETARY ((OF STATE WILLIAM P.)) ROGERS AND SENATORS ((AND)) NEWSMEN NEXT WEEK. QUIETLY THEY A DOING ((A)) VERY GOOD JOB. IT IS UNWISE TO MIX THE TWO GROUPS IN THE SAME TIME.

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2. IT IS ALSO UNWISE TO HAVE AT ONE TIME A LARGE GROUP OF SENATORS OR DEPUTIES IN WASHINGTON. AMERICAN SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN NOW ARE FIGHTING VERY HARD FOR CHAIRMANSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND WILL NOT HAVE TIME TO SEE THEM. FURTHERMORE, MOST OF OUR SENATORS AND DEPUTIES HAVE MORE OR LESS THE SAME CONNECTION(S) AND WILL HAVE TROUBLE SEEKING APPOINTMENTS. WHEN YOU HAVE LARGE GROUPS YOU WILL HAVE VARIOUS PROBLEMS OF PERSONAL COMPETITION, OUTBIDDING EACH OTHER, LEADING TO IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS. THE WHOLE THING MAY BECOME UN-MANAGEABLE AND TURN OUT A COMPLETE FIASCO.

3. I WOULD THINK THE BEST WAY IS TO HAVE SMALL GROUPS, THREE OR AT MOST FOUR, WELL SELECTED AND COMING HERE TO WORK ON A PRIVATE BASIS RELYING ON PREVIOUS PERSONAL CONNECTIONS. THERE SHOULD BE A CLEAR DIVISION OF WORK BETWEEN THEM. EACH SENATOR OR DEPUTY COMING HERE WILL CONTACT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF AMERICAN COLLEAGUES WITH WHOM HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT OR ((XM)). THERE SHOULD NOT BE ((XM)) AND YOU HAVE TO ASK OUR ASSEMBLYMEN TO FIX THE LIST. IT WOULD BE RIDICULOUS IF MANY VIETNAMESE PARLIMENTARIES WERE SEEKING TO SEE THE SAME AMERICAN COLLEAGUES.

4. WITH REGARD TO THEIR EXPOSURE TO MEDIA AND NETWORKS OR EVEN PRIVATE TALKS WITH NEWSMEN, I AM FRANKLY VERY WORRY((SIC)). NO AMOUNT OF BRIEFING WILL SUFFICE IN VIEW OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROBLEM AND SENSITIVITY OF SOME ISSUE(S)). ARE THEY GOING TO GIVE INTERVIEWS OR TO ACCEPT TO APPEAR ON TELEVISION? I RECOMMEND FURTHER CONSIDERATION ON MY SUGGESTIONS AS I HAVE EXPLAINED WHILE IN SAIGON. PLEASE ADVISE ME IN ADVANCE OF THEIR ARRIVAL DATE FOR ARRANGEMENTS ((DF)) CARS AND ACCOMMODATION(S)).

BEST REGARDS.  
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