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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: President's Position on Khe Sanh

1. During my daily evening telephone call with General Wheeler at 2100, 15 February, he stated that a number of the civilian armed-chair-strategists were extremely nervous about the Khe Sanh situation. Secretary MacNamara called General Wheeler that day to say that he had talked to the President and the President's position was as follows:

The President has full confidence in my judgement and actions with respect to Khe Sanh. However, if I ever feel it desirable to withdraw, he would like to get forewarning so that he can prepare the political defenses.

2. I told General Wheeler that I appreciated the President's confidence and assume full responsibility for the Khe Sanh situation.

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