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Mr. President:

Herewith Marcos' reaction to your message. It is, I believe, precisely what you aimed to get.

W. W. Rostow

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SUBJ CLIFFORD TAYLOR TRIP
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1. I DELIVERED ORAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO MARCOS AT NOON TODAY PURSUANT REFTTEL. MARCOS MADE NO COMMENT DURING RECITATION, OTHER THAN FREQUENT NODS OF UNDERSTANDING, AND HAD ONLY TWO MAJOR POINTS TO MAKE UPON ITS COMPLETION. ON MAJOR ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT MESSRS. CLIFFORD AND TAYLOR SHOULD STOP IN MANILA ON AUGUST 2 HE REMAINED SILENT INDICATING HE WISHED TO THINK OVER FURTHER AND WOULD LET

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US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. MARCOS' FIRST POINT WHICH HE SAID HE HAD BEEN THINKING ABOUT SINCE HIS OWN TRIP TO VIET-NAM, WAS THAT HE FELT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FROM MANY POINTS OF VIEW TO HAVE CALL FOR NEW SUMMIT COME ONCE AGAIN FROM AN ASIAN NATION, JUST AS ORIGINAL CALL HAD ORIGINATED WITH ~~GOP~~. TO HAVE US DO IT HE THOUGHT WOULD BE A MISTAKE. OF ASIANS HE BELIEVED THAI MIGHT BE THE BEST, WITH THANOM MAKING ANNOUNCEMENT KEYED PERHAPS TO SITUATION IN NORTHEAST THAILAND ON THEME OF NEW PERIPHERAL ACTIONS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY COMMUNISTS OURSIDE MAIN VIET-NAM THEATRE IN THAILAND, KOREA, LAOS AND BURMA. HAVING THAI DO THIS AS MEMBER, TOO OF (SEATO) WOULD BE IN HIS VIEW MOST APPROPRIATE.

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3. I REMINDED MARCOS THAT CLIFFORD/TAYLOR SCHEDULE CALLED FOR FIRST STOP IN BANGKOK AFTER SAIGON AND SAID I WOULD PASS ON HIS SUGGESTION TO WASHINGTON AS MATTER FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION BY THEM WITH THAI LEADERS AT THAT TIME.

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4. MARCOS' SECOND POINT CONCERNED UPCOMING (SEARC) SOUTHEAST ASIA ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION MEETING FOR WHICH DATES OF AUGUST 4 OR 20 HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED (DJAKARTA 377). HE FELT IT IMPORTANT THAT CLIFFORD/TAYLOR TRIP NOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS IN PUBLIC MIND LEST IMPRESSION BE CREATED THAT US ALSO PRESSURING FOR SEARC AS WELL. SAID HE WAS CONSULTING OTHER SEARC CAPITALS TO SEE IF POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING TO AUGUST 20 DATE MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE.

5. PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S MESSAGE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE VERY SALUTORY EFFECT IN REMOVING TENSIONS AND CONFUSION WHICH HAD MOUNTED HERE OVER PAST 36 HOURS. SECRETARY RAMOS HAD CALLED ME EARLIER THIS MORNING ASKING FOR HELP IN MEETING PRESS QUERIES AND WILD STORIES CIRCULATING HERE, ESPECIALLY A VERY UNHELPFUL PIECE APPEARING MORNING BULLETIN (SEE SEPTEL). *not yet available*

6. MARCOS HIMSELF SEEMED MUCH MORE RELAXED AFTER RECEIVING THIS PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT. WHILE

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I CANNOT PREDICT HIS FINAL DECISION MY GUESS IS THAT IT WILL BE FAVORABLE TO CLIFFORD/TAYLOR VISIT. BUT UNTIL WE HEAR DEFINITELY THIS WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO HANDLE IN TERMS OF FURTHER SCHEDULE ANNOUNCEMENTS, FIRM ITINERARIES AND PRESS TREATMENT.

7. I HAVE ARRANGED TO KEEP IN CLOSEST CONTACT WITH BOTH MALACANANG AND SECRETARY RAMOS WHO HAS BEEN KEPT FULLY INFORMED BY MARCOS. LATTER TOLD ME EARLIER TODAY HE WAS CHARGED WITH PREPARING REPLY TO PRESIDENT'S JULY 19 LETTER AND HOPED TO CONVEY IT THROUGH US RATHER THAN THROUGH PHIL EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. I HAVE ALSO EMPHASIZED TO RAMOS FACT THAT WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP PRESS TREATMENT IN LOW KEY (LAST PARAGRAPH REFTEL) AND WOULD WELCOME PHIL SUGGESTIONS ON THIS SCORE. ALSO URGED ON HIM NEED FOR SPEEDY DECISION IN ORDER PERMIT DEFINITE ANNOUNCEMENT ON WHETHER OR NOT MANILA TO BE INCLUDED IN CLIFFORD/TAYLOR

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ITINERARY AND FORESTALL NECESSITY FOR SAYING IF PRESSED THAT VISIT UNLIKELY IN VIEW EARLIER MARCOS VISIT TO VIET-NAM.

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