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Mr. President:

Herewith a rather full agenda of Viet Nam issues, with the names of those who might address them at the meeting.

You will almost certainly not wish to go into all of them; but you can judge that.

At the end (p. 3) are two key matters on which you may wish to give guidance at the end of the meeting.

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Mr. President:

Herewith the Konar and Locke back-channel cables reduced to action propositions, which you may wish to keep handy as a private checklist.

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ACTIONS RECOMMENDED BY BOB KOMER

1. Continue bombing North Vietnam, i. e., hold off until Fall any bombing pause or a cutback to 20°.
2. Authorize up to brigade-size raids by South Vietnamese forces on infiltration routes inside Laos.
3. Give additional U. S. forces to General Westmoreland.
4. Keep heat on to revamp South Vietnamese Armed Forces.
5. Weigh in heavily and publicly with Thieu and Ky for clean elections.
6. Continue sizable and growing investment in pacification.
7. Instruct U. S. military to:
 - a. produce up-to-date estimate of enemy strength
 - b. stop building up enemy in order to justify more troops.

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ACTIONS RECOMMENDED BY AMBASSADOR LOCKE

A. Military

1. Prevent infiltration of enemy forces through Laos
 - a. use South Vietnamese battalions in Laos and build strong points or other feasible barriers;
 - b. intensify and expand bombing in Laos
 - c. intensify and expand bombing of selected targets in North Vietnam.
 - d. maximize use of new weapons (bombs, mines and detection devices)
 - e. expedite search for technical aids to night fighting.
 - f. experiment with chemical techniques to destroy permanently roads and pathways.
2. Avoid mining Haiphong harbor but consider bombing warehouses at the port and blocking the harbor by sinking a ship in the channel.
3. Encourage reorganization of South Vietnam security forces to increase their effectiveness in providing the security necessary for the new pacification program.
4. Much greater use of U. S. military leadership in Vietnamese regional and Popular Force units including integration of some U. S. and Vietnamese units.
5. Use South Vietnamese regular troops in combat missions with U. S. troops as much as possible.
6. Provide adequate U. S. supporting personnel and equipment to an enlarged Vietnamese Navy which would expand its river operations in the Delta.

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B. Pacification

1. Encourage and support new programs to identify and destroy the Viet Cong organization in South Vietnam.
2. Regain U. S. control of the use by the South Vietnamese Government of counterpart funds to reduce corruption and give U. S. leverage to accomplish changes in existing Vietnamese village and province programs.

C. Political-Economic

1. Encourage Thieu and Ky to reach an understanding which will keep them together before and after the elections, if they win.
2. Make clear that free elections are essential to present and future political stability.
3. Find a way for General Westmoreland to relieve some of his present logistic soldiers for combat duty so that he can obtain combat soldiers he needs with minimum new U. S. troops.
4. Ensure that South Vietnamese do their part in mobilizing their manpower.
5. Increase meetings between ranking U. S. and South Vietnamese leaders.
6. After the South Vietnamese election, encourage the new leaders to initiate political discussions with members of the National Liberation Front.