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Wednesday, July 19, 1967
3:45 p.m.

~~1. [unclear]~~
2. Pres file

Mr. President:

Herewith Amb. Bunker reports
how he is proceeding to guide the Ky
campaign. No U.S. funds are involved.

W. W. Rostow

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

19 July 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Message from
Ambassador Bunker

Attached hereto is a 19 July cable to you from
Ambassador Bunker, relayed through our channels [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We are making no other
distribution of this message.

Rich
Richard Helms
Director

Attachment - 1

cc: Mr. Walt Rostow w/att.

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TO: CIA HEADQUARTERS

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FROM AMBASSADOR BUNKER AS A [REDACTED] SUPPLEMENT TO AMBASSADOR'S WEEKLY PRESIDENTIAL REPORT.

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1. IN LINE WITH GUIDANCE RECEIVED FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON 16 JULY, [REDACTED] ESTABLISHED AN ARRANGEMENT FOR [REDACTED] WITH PRIME MINISTER KY'S PERSONAL CAMPAIGN MANAGER, MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE NGUYEN XUAN PHONG. [REDACTED] IS AN OLD PERSONAL FRIEND OF KY'S WHO HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH KY IN CONNECTION WITH

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[REDACTED] AGAINST THE VIET CONG SINCE FEBRUARY THIS YEAR. THE PURPOSE OF THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, HOWEVER, IS TO PERMIT US TO KEEP ABREAST OF KY'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND TO OFFER ADVICE ON HOW IT CAN BE CONDUCTED AS CLEANLY AS POSSIBLE.

1.3(a)(4)

2. [REDACTED] 1.3(a)(4)

[REDACTED] KY INSTRUCTED PHONG TO BE ABSOLUTELY FRANK [REDACTED] IN DISCUSSING THE THIEU/KY

[REDACTED]

CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION AND ITS ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS TO LISTEN TO AMERICAN SUGGESTIONS ON THE CONDUCT OF THE CAMPAIGN. IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO PHONG AT THE OUTSET THAT KY MUST WORK OUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THIEU TO THEIR MUTUAL SATISFACTION AND CAMPAIGN ENERGETICALLY WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, AND FURTHER THAT THE AMERICAN ADVISORY ROLE IS BASED ON THIEU AND KY ARRIVING AT THIS UNDERSTANDING.

3. [REDACTED] PHONG HAS ALREADY PRODUCED 1.3(a)(4)
A VALUABLE INSIGHT INTO THE WAY IN WHICH THIEU AND KY ARE ATTEMPTING TO PUT TOGETHER A CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION. BASICALLY, IT APPEARS THAT KY'S SUPPORTERS, WHO ARE NUMEROUS AND EFFECTIVE POLITICIANS IN COMPARISON WITH THE MERE HANDFULL OF THIEU'S ADVISORS, WILL DO MOST OF THE WORK IN ORGANIZING THE CAMPAIGN WHILE PLACING THIEU DESIGNEES IN VARIOUS KEY POSITIONS IN THE CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION WHICH ARE VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC EYE.

END OF MESSAGE

[REDACTED]