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Mr. President:

Vietnamese Rice decision.

Bill Leonhart and the people in Saigon are rather anxious to go ahead with PL 480 rice and exchange rate negotiation because they would like to try to get a decision before the election. They fear delay as the new government forms up. It would be helpful, therefore, to have your view at the earliest convenient moment.

The Indonesian PL 480 rice decision would also be helpful although it is not quite as urgent.

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