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W-P Presidential file

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Friday, August 18, 1967
6:20 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Observers for Viet-Nam Elections

As you suggested, we went out to Bunker with the proposal that the GVN invite observers from a list of about 25 U.S. organizations. We asked his opinion.

He thinks it would be useful. But he believes it would be better to trim the list to about a dozen. The GVN is swamped with outsiders -- many reporters, visitors from other countries, etc. Bunker thinks 12 would be manageable -- and serve our purpose just as well.

We have instructed him to take this up with the GVN. If they agree, invitations could be extended by the Vietnamese Ambassador here.

As regards a reduced list, I would suggest the following:

American Newspaper Publishers Association
U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce
AFL-CIO
National Association of Manufacturers
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
National Council of Churches
American Legion
Veterans of Foreign Wars
American Bar Association
League of Women Voters
Governors' Conference
Mayors' Conference

A list of other organizations on the original list is attached.

William J. Jorden

Att.

Your list is O.K. _____

Prefer those checked _____

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By WJ, NARA, Date 9-3-91

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American Society of Newspaper Editors

Sigma Delta Chi (Journalism Society)

National Newspaper Association

National Association of Broadcasters

(Note: The press and media will be widely represented in Saigon.)

American Management Association

American Bankers Association

Jewish War Veterans

Catholic War Veterans

(Legion and VFW should cover veterans)

Farm Bureau

National Grange

NAACP

Urban League

National League of Cities

Association of Business and Professional Women