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Friday, August 18, 1967  
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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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**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**