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Wednesday, August 30, 1967 -- 8:50 p.m.

Mr. President:

With respect to bringing the Viet Nam issue into the United Nations:

1. The process of consultation with other members of the Security Council has been under way for some days. Specifically, we have approached the U.K., Australia, New Zealand, Viet Nam, Denmark, Japan.

2. On Tuesday we shall ask Taber, the Dane, to undertake the leadership in seeing whether the 9 votes can be generated.

3. A cable late today from New Delhi indicates that the Indian Ambassador to the UN does not think the UN is a promising place for dealing with Viet Nam. There is evidently some difference of view in the Indian government.

4. We should be pleased if the government of India would join with others in bringing the issue before the UN Security Council; but we cannot:

- Give them a blank check on what resolution we would accept;
- Dilute our voting rights in the Security Council; or
- Dilute our rights to argue our own case and persuade others to join us.

All this I have checked out with Secretary Rusk.

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