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Tuesday, September 19, 1967
3:30 p.m.

Mr. President:

As background to today's meeting (5:30 p.m.) here is the last report we have from Kissinger. The interesting passages are marked.

We are, in fact, instructing Kissinger to discourage M from filing a substantive report with the Elysee.

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I HAD DINNER WITH M. LAST NIGHT (A. HAVING LEFT FOR ROME). M. SHOWED ME THE DRAFT OF A REPORT TO THE ELYSEE TO BE SUBMITTED EITHER IF THIS CHANNEL COLLAPSES OR IF IT IS PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED. THE REPORT IS VERY FACTUAL AND MENTIONS ONLY THE DATES OF MAJOR CONVERSATIONS WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS. HOWEVER, AN APPENDIX INCLUDED OUR MESSAGE OF AUGUST 25 AND HANOI'S RESPONSE OF SEPTEMBER 11. M. DOES NOT, OF COURSE, HAVE THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGES SENT TO BO LAST WEEK. I TOLD M. THAT I WAS CERTAIN WASHINGTON WOULD STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE INCLUSION OF THIS MATERIAL. HE PROMISED TO DELETE IT AND TO GIVE ME A COPY OF THE REPORT ON WEDNESDAY. I SHALL FORWARD IT IMMEDIATELY. IF, FOR ANY REASON, YOU WANT THE ELYSEE TO HAVE THE TEXT OF THESE MESSAGES, THEY CAN, OF COURSE, EASILY BE RESTORED. (I TOLD M. THAT HE SHOULD, IN ANY EVENT, CHECK WITH BO BEFORE RELEASING HANOI'S NOTE TO THE ELYSEE). PLEASE ADVISE.

ON THE WAY TO THE AIRPORT A STOPPED TO SEE BO FIVE MINUTES TO SAY GOODBYE. AT MY REQUEST, A. TOLD BO THAT HANOI'S RESPONSE NEED NOT BE CONFINED TO ANY ONE PARTICULAR CHANNEL. THE FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES SUGGESTED THEMSELVES: (A) A PERSONAL MEETING BETWEEN BO AND ME, (B) A MESSAGE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE VIA A & M TO BE GIVEN TO ME; (C) AN OPEN MESSAGE VIA A & M SENT AS HANOI'S NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 11; (D) A MESSAGE TO BE GIVEN TO A U.S. OFFICIAL EITHER IN PARIS OR ELSEWHERE; (E) ANY OTHER CHANNEL THAT SEEMED APPROPRIATE TO HANOI. BO REPLIED: "THERE WILL BE ANSWER. THINGS MAY SEEM TO MOVE SLOWLY. IN FACT, THEY ARE MOVING AT THEIR NORMAL SPEED FOR EXCHANGES OF THIS KIND."

THE PRESENT PLAN IS FOR A. TO RETURN WEDNESDAY. IF THERE HAS BEEN NO WORD FROM BO BY THEN, A & M WILL REQUEST A MEETING WITH BO FOR THURSDAY.

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