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Mr. President:

The marked passage on page 2 I find interesting.

If they really believe the election of 1968 won't solve it for them, then it is possible they could decide to end the war now.

Over five years, there is no serious reason to believe time will be their friend.

W. W. Rostow

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cc: Mr Goldstein

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COUNTRY VIETNAM

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SUBJECT COMMENTS OF [REDACTED] NORTH VIETNAM [REDACTED] ON VIETNAM WAR

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED]

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2. THE FOLLOWING IS THE SUBSTANCE [REDACTED] "WE HAVE THE
INITIATIVE IN THE SOUTH AND WE CONTINUE TO STRIKE. THE SUCCESSES THERE ARE
OURS. (US SECRETARY OF DEFENSE) McNAMARA'S STATEMENT IS THE BEGINNING OF

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REALISTIC INSIGHT--BOMBING THE CITIES WILL CHANGE NOTHING. IN THE LONG RUN THE WILL POWER OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY UNDERMINED, THEIR PUBLIC OPINION TIRED, AND THEY WILL GIVE IN."

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION REGARDING THE BOMBING OF THE DYKES, ■■■■■ 1.3(a)(4)

■■■■■ "THE RAINY SEASON WILL SOON PASS AND THEN THE DANGER IS NOT GREAT ANYMORE."

4. ■■■■■ "WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS; IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME TO OBTAIN COMPLETE VICTORY. THE AMERICAN ELECTIONS WILL SOLVE NOTHING--THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES ARE ALL GOLDWATERITES. ONLY AFTER THE ELECTIONS CAN THE WAR'S IMPACT BE FELT SUFFICIENTLY WHEREBY IT WILL BEGIN TO INFLUENCE EVENTS IN THE UNITED STATES."

5. ■■■■■ REGARDING THE SUFFERING OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, ■■■■■ AN ANALOGY ■■■■■ REFERRING TO THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OF SMALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DURING WORLD WAR II. "THE SUFFERINGS AND HUMILIATIONS FORCED UPON THESE PEOPLE BY THE GERMANS DID NOT DETER THEM FROM FIGHTING BACK."

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6. ■■■■■ THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO STAY IN VIETNAM AND THEREFORE ANY COMPROMISE IS IMPOSSIBLE.

7. "WE ARE SUPPLE ENOUGH", ■■■■■ "YOU KNOW HOW CLUMSY AMERICAN DIPLOMACY IS. THEY (THE AMERICANS) ONLY UNDERSTAND COARSE MANEUVERS." ■■■■■ COMMENT: APPARENTLY ■■■■■ SOME

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DELICATE MANEUVER OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAD MISFIRED BECAUSE OF "CLUMSINESS"

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OF THE AMERICANS.)

8. THE SEPTEMBER 1967 ELECTIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM HAVE NOT PROVED ANYTHING, INASMUCH AS THEY ARE ONLY THE OUTCOME OF AMERICAN PRESSURE ON THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE POPULATION.

9. CONCERNING THE PROBLEM OF UNIFICATION IN VIETNAM, [REDACTED] IT WAS A PROBLEM FOR THE VIETNAMESE TO SETTLE THEMSELVES. WHEN REMINDED THAT THE NORTH IS ALREADY STABILIZED AND CONSOLIDATED AS A COMMUNIST COUNTRY. AND THAT IT FOLLOWS THAT UNIFICATION COULD MEAN THAT THE WHOLE OF VIETNAM WOULD BECOME COMMUNIST, [REDACTED] "UNIFICATION WILL BE BROUGHT ABOUT GRADUALLY--IT MAY TAKE TWENTY YEARS AND WHO CAN PREDICT WHAT THE NORTH WILL LOOK LIKE AFTER TWENTY YEARS?" [REDACTED]

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10. [REDACTED] NORTH VIETNAM IS INDEPENDENT--ALSO FROM COMMUNIST CHINA. "CHINA IS A GOOD ALLY BUT HAS NO DIRECT INFLUENCE." THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, [REDACTED] HAS NOT SHAKEN CHINA SO MUCH THAT--AT THIS MOMENT--IT CAN NO LONGER PLAY A ROLE IN WORLD POLITICS. "MAO WILL WIN AND IS ALREADY WINNING."

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11. [REDACTED] THE GENEVA ACCORD OF 1954 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS THE BEST SOLUTION FOR THE PRESENT.

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