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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President:

Attached is today's situation report
on Vietnamese politics.

W. W. Rostow

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Viet-Nam Political Situation Report

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Lower House Elections

Final results are in from only about 1/3 of the electoral districts. No national pattern of voting is visible yet. However, it seems clear that the Assembly will contain a wide variety of political opinion, ranging from militant Buddhists to GVN supporters.

In I Corps (Hue and Quang Tri) Buddhist-backed candidates won, but they were not the most militant figures in the race. In Quang Tri, a Catholic with Revolutionary Dai Viet backing won the second seat, indicating there is no Buddhist political monopoly there.

Former province chiefs, ARVN officers, and other officials have done well so far. Several Constituent Assembly deputies have been returned (3 of the 8 known winners in Saigon, for example).

Ethnic Chinese swept all four seats in Saigon's third electoral district.

Formation of GVN

According to Thieu's brother, Thieu has asked Nguyen Van Loc to form a government. It is still uncertain whether Loc will be able to do so.

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