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From USOM Haiphong to USOM Saigon. To Adler from Ackley

1. Removal of RCA SCHEDULED Feb 23. French technicians will effect job, and French air delivery to Hue. Will inform Riner of danger cited your msg this afternoon charging him with responsibility Trout not required here under circumstances, but needed at Hue to ensure safe delivery and rapid installation.

2. Conference with Ham last night indicates Haiphong residents prefer air travel to sea due in part to uncertainty of destination Saigon. Cap St Jac not acceptable. Can you obtain assurance from Vietnamese authorities that all ships will make Saigon destination. 13,000 already signed for air travel represents more than present lift could handle during remaining time. Ham still holds to 120,000 from greater Haiphong for remainder of period even though Feb 15 was set as the final date for register to ensure facilities by air or sea. Estimated total population greater Haiphong is 400,000 thus Ham feels 25% is not unreasonable ~~expect~~ expectation as continued negative reports come from Hanoi.

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