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SUBJECT: Views on a Solution in Vietnam

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PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Tran Van Huu, former Prime Minister of Vietnam  
Robert H. Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

DATE, TIME, January 24, 1975, 3:00 p.m., Room 6209 New State  
PLACE: Department Building, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Huu wished to convey to responsible Department officials certain information concerning prospects for peace in Vietnam (see attached letter to the Secretary from former U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam Donald Heath). It was decided that I should receive him.

The essence of Mr. Huu's views as expressed to me was that North Vietnam recognized that it could not take over the South by force and wished a political solution there. He said also that he had reason to believe that President Thieu would be prepared to step aside for someone who could bring genuine peace to Vietnam.

I noted that the US continued to support the Paris Agreement which provided that the South Vietnamese parties work out South Vietnam's future and that we intended to continue giving material support to the GVN as long as it required it to defend itself against North Vietnamese military pressure. I expressed appreciation for Mr. Huu's having made such a long trip from Paris to convey his views. He then called in two younger collaborators, Messrs. Mai Van Hanh and Le Quoc Tuy, and said he might ask them to stay in touch from time to time. I gave them the name of FSO Harry Sizer in Embassy Paris as someone they could stay in touch with.