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Five days later, on July 1¹⁹⁷¹ the enemy publicly presented a different package of proposals -- the 7-point Viet Cong plan.

That posed a dilemma: which package should we respond to, the public plan or the secret plan?

On July 12, at another private meeting in Paris, Dr. Kissinger put that question to the North Vietnamese directly. They said we should deal with their 9-point secret plan, because it covered all of Indochina including Laos and Cambodia, while the Viet Cong 7-point public proposal was limited to Vietnam.

And so that's what we did. We even went beyond that, dealing with some of the points in the public plan that were not covered in the secret plan.