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1. ON 7 APRIL 1975, THE JAPANESE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN PARIS DESCRIBING CONVERSATION THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS WITH FRANCOIS L E F E B V R E D E L A B O U L A Y E , DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS BUREAU OF THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY, ON 6 APRIL. DE LA BOULAYE COMMENTED ON THE POSITIONS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (DRV) AND THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM (PRG) TOWARD A COALITION GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM, ACCORDING TO SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS HE HAD HAD WITH THE DRV AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE AND THE CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRG IN PARIS ON 5 APRIL.

2. THE DRV AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE TOLD DE LA BOULAYE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD DEFINITELY SUPPORT A COALITION GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM THAT WAS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PRG, THE "THIRD POLITICAL FORCE" IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN), IF PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN T H I E U WAS EXPELLED. THE DRV AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE COULD GUARANTEE DRV COOPERATION IN FORMING SUCH A GOVERNMENT IF THE PROCESS WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT THE EXPULSION OF THIEU WOULD BE AN ESSENTIAL CONDITION.

3. THE CHIEF PRG REPRESENTATIVE IN PARIS TOLD DE LA BOULAYE DURING THEIR PRIVATE MEETING THAT THE PRG SUPPORTED THE CONCEPT OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM WHICH INCLUDED ELEMENTS FROM THE PRG, THE THIRD POLITICAL FORCE IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AND GVN. THE PRG REPRESENTATIVE INSISTED THAT THIEU MUST BE EXPELLED AND SAID THIS WAS A PREREQUISITE FOR PRG PARTICIPATION IN THE COALITION GOVERNMENT.

AGREEING WITH DE LA BOULAYE THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR ANY ONE GROUP TO TAKE OVER AND CONTROL THE GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM, THE PRG REPRESENTATIVE ASSURED THAT THE PRG WILL ADHERE TO THE TERMS OF THE PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT AND THAT UNDER NO CONDITIONS WILL IT SEEK EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OF SOUTH VIETNAM. THE PRG REPRESENTATIVE SAID THE PRG WAS NOT UNDERESTIMATING THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH LIE AHEAD IN THE PRG EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE POLITICAL GROUPS IN SOUTH VIETNAM, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE GVN. BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CHAOS AND POLITICAL CONFUSION IN SOUTH VIETNAM, THE PRG REPRESENTATIVE SAID, THE PRG WOULD NOT OPPOSE RECEIVING AID FROM WESTERN EUROPE AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE GVN, AS WELL AS AFTER THE FORMATION OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT.

4. DE LA BOULAYE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE (GOF) HAD DECIDED TO SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM WITH THE PRG AS THE LEADING ELEMENT. THE GOF CONSIDERS THAT PRESIDENT THIEU'S GOVERNMENT WILL NOT LAST LONG, AND FOR THIS REASON, THE GOF INSTRUCTED ITS VICE-CONSUL IN DANANG TO CONTACT PRG ELEMENTS THERE PRIOR TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MORE FORMAL CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE PRG. THE GOF ALSO DECIDED TO DISTRIBUTE ALL GOF AID MATERIALS EARMARKED FOR AREAS UNDER PRG CONTROL, AS WELL AS THOSE WHERE CONTROL WAS UNCERTAIN, THROUGH THE PRG. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT:

ANY AID FOR THE PRG WOULD MOST LIKELY ENTER THROUGH THE DRV. THE FRENCH VICE-CONSUL NOW IN DANANG IS ACTUALLY ATTACHED TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN SAIGON BUT HAD GONE TO DANANG PRIOR TO ITS FALL AND REMAINED THERE. BECAUSE HE HAS NO OFFICIAL STANDING WITH THE PRG AND BECAUSE THERE IS NO FRENCH CONSULATE IN DANANG IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE PRG WILL AGREE TO USE HIM AS A CHANNEL TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE

5. DE LA BOULAYE SAID THAT THE GOF HOPES THAT THE COALITION GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM MAY DEVELOP INTO A FORM SIMILAR TO THAT OF YUGOSLAVIA. THE GOF WILL STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE COALITION GOVERNMENT WHEN FORMED TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION IN AN ATTEMPT TO PREVENT IT FROM FULLY IDENTIFYING WITH THE DRV.