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We most concerned by report GVN apparently drawing back from commitment to continue successful rural CI social economic programs which we view as heart of effort to win support of VN people and isolate VC. If our figures correct, funds remaining for these programs will be exhausted in about one month. Firm GVN commitment therefore appears most urgent matter. In negotiating with NHU and DIEM you therefore authorized at your discretion stress great importance we attach to these programs and state Washington also views their continuation as test of mutual confidence.'

If GVN unwilling trust us to extent of continuing successful and vital CI programs under proven machinery, difficulties of working together for common goals will be greatly increased.

You are also authorized tell Nhu and Diem that you instructed assure them US policy remains full support of Diem's government in its efforts defend VN against VC attack and bring better life to VN people. MANSFIELD report does not mean change in US policy of support for GVN against communist threat. This connection you may wish quote President KENNEDY's March 6 press conference remarks on Mansfield report.

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With regard Warren UNNA visit you may wish tell Nhu that THOMPSON had long talk with UNNA last night and Unna appears impressed by Thompson's positive views VN situation.

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