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Dear Ed,

Got your kind letter of the
18th and gave some ideas and
info from it to Bill Vorden.

He says that the only
way the charter you need
can be worked out is through
face-to-face discussions back
here. Every body is currently
pre-occupied with pacification.

Looks to me like Bill P.
has been set up for the cruci-
fixion. Ran into R. Holbrooke at
a Mike Deutch cocktail party last
night. He was pessimistic about
things in general, pleaded for
me to pass the word to you to
please help Porter. I didn't quite
say it but my thought was-"not
even Jesus Christ could help him
now". Holbrooke said the atmosphere
within the American mission was
really bad & blamed Lodge for
it. I was non-committal; but
asked what about the political
side, and he admitted that this
was being lost in the shuffle.

I should be back in D.C.
by the 15th. Look forward to
seeing you around Christmas.

Rufe