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 Sent: Monday, March 27, 2006 3:47 PM
 Subject: Re: Meeting of Foreign Minister Pham Huy Quat with LBJ

Ted,

Thanks I will follow up. Do you have a date for the Helms interview?

Rufe

----- Original Message -----

From: "Ted Gittinger" <ted.gittinger@nara.gov>

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Sent: Monday, March 27, 2006 1:08 PM

Subject: Re: Meeting of Foreign Minister Pham Huy Quat with LBJ

LBJ met briefly with Quat on June 4. I am sending you a copy of the presidential diary for that day.

You will notice that just before the Quat meeting, LBJ had an urgent call from Dean Rusk, and it was recorded. I haven't had a chance to see what that conversation was about, but you can try the archivist in the Reading Room to see what can be learned about it. That phone number is

Refer to the day and time of the call, as the diary cites it, as 12:56 p.m., June 4, Belt 2. That Belt 2 business refers to the old Dictabelt recording system they were using.

At the same time, ask the Reading Room archivist if there is any record of the Quat meeting in the Diary Backup files. I would do this for you but my mobility prevents me getting into the stacks, and my usually ready assistant is doing dissertation stuff, as I think I mentioned to you before.

There are references to a number of talks with McG. Bundy for the rest of that day, but I don't see any reference to a hard copy of any record that might have been made of their talks. So if they talked about the Quat visit, I fear there is no record of it.

There is an alphabetical name file for the presidential diary, and unfortunately this is the only mention of Quat's name in it.

So, into the mail go the Taylor oral history transcript, which is long but I think of considerable interest to your current attention, and the diary for June 4, 1964.

Shout when you get this. For future reference, I think the LBJ diary is available on our web site. I will doublecheck this and get back to you on how to find it. It is an invaluable research tool.

As ever,

Ted

June 4

1:00 - 1:16

Pham Hieu Rao (charge)
 Sullivan, Ms Sophie
 Pearson (interpreter)
 Michael Forrestal

LBJ called Lee
 White afternoon

#3623, tape 14 H 6406-
 02 (No. 9)

White House tapes

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Ted,

Quat met with Humphrey on 5 June and stayed in Washington until 10 June 1964. I have an aide-memoire that he prepared to give to LBJ but I believe it was actually transmitted through HHH. I am not 100% certain that Quat actually met LBJ but I believe he did. Would appreciate it if you could check this out. There is a very interesting footnote on page 478 of FRUS Vietnam 1964 which is of a transcript of a conversation between Dean Rusk and HHH at 5:09 PM of the same day HHH met Quat in which HHH says he asked Quat for a detailed memo unsigned of his views which he (HHH) would be careful to give it only to LBJ or Rusk. I think if you read that conversation you will be fascinated by what Quat had to say. The unsigned memo I have a copy is addressed to LBJ and directly asks for Lansdale.

Regards, Rufe