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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Patrick J. Buchanan

RE: Quotations for Reference -- Vietnam Speech

"Specifically, our government should undertake as soon as possible: First, to end unconditionally all bombing of North Vietnam; Second, to then negotiate with Hanoi the mutual withdrawal from South Vietnam of all foreign forces, both allied and North Vietnamese; third, to accompany this withdrawal with whatever help we can give to the South Vietnamese in the building of a viable political, economic and legal structure that will not promptly collapse upon our departure and fourth, to demonstrate to both Hanoi and Saigon the sincerity of our intentions by significantly decreasing this year the level of our military activity and military personnel in the South.

These steps would enable us to end our participation in this war with honor, having fulfilled our commitment to prevent a North Vietnamese military takeover of the South and having left the future of South Vietnam to the self-determination of the South Vietnamese people. Under this plan, neither Hanoi nor Washington would try in Paris to either require, or rule out, a coalition government; to either supervise or suppress election procedures; or to name, portfolio by portfolio, the occupants of individual ministerial posts."

Senator Edward M. Kennedy
August 21, 1968
Holy Cross College

"Unprovoked aggression from North Vietnam continues to threaten the freedom and independence of the Republic of Vietnam and to menace the peace in Southeast Asia."

Adlai E. Stevenson
Excerpt from transcript of statement
to the UN General Assembly
N.Y. Times, Sept. 21, 1962

"If we pull out of South Vietnam there will be the most incredible blood bath since Hitler killed 6 million Jews."

Clark Clifford
New York Times Magazine
January 28, 1968

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