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4/18/72 EXT 22141
THE UNDER SECRETARY

EA: WHSULLIVAN
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WHITE HOUSE: HSONNENFELDT
S/S - MR. MILLER

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Cat. A - Caption removed;	
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1. WE TAKE SERIOUS EXCEPTION TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S APRIL 17 STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT IN REGARD TO VIETNAM. WE CONSIDER THIS OFFICIAL GOI POLICY STATEMENT IS MOST DISTURBING INDICATION OF INDIAN ATTITUDE REGARDING MATTER OF GREAT INTEREST TO USG.

2. THEREFORE AMBASSADOR SHOULD SEEK URGENT APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TO DISCUSS GOI STATEMENT. AMBASSADOR SHOULD SAY WE CONSIDER THIS PARTICULARLY UNBALANCED COMMENT ON MATTER OF VERY GREAT INTEREST TO USG. WE REGARD THIS STATEMENT AS A FURTHER UNFRIENDLY ACT ON PART OF GOI. FONMIN'S STATEMENT IS ESPECIALLY UNFORTUNATE IN LIGHT OF EARLIER USG DEMARCHE TO INDIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON.

3. AS FURTHER INDICATION OF SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH USG VIEWS INDIAN VIETNAM POLICY, FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS AMBASSADOR SHOULD HOLD TO MINIMUM HIS CONTACTS WITH INDIAN OFFICIALS AND MAINTAIN FORMAL STANCE DURING SUCH CONTACTS. FOR THIS PERIOD AMBASSADOR SHOULD ATTEND NO SOCIAL EVENTS HOSTED BY GOI OFFICIALS. 44

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