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PERSONS/ENTITIES: HILSMAN, Roger (Ass't. Sec. State for Far Eastern Aff) — LODGE, Henry Cabot (Amb. to SVN)

DATES: 25 August 1963

CATEGORIES: DIEM TOP SECRET

OCCURRENCE:

On August 25, 1963, in a cable from HILSMAN to LODGE (personal), sent via CIA channels (DIR 63855), there appeared the following message:

"State cable sent separately represents agonizing at highest levels. Course outlined is dangerous but all agree that delaying clear cut US stand is even more dangerous. It won't be easy for you, but be assured we will back you all the way." (5)

SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, p. 5

STAFF: Dawson

FILE: DATE: 28.6.75

PERSONS/ENTITIES: CIA — LODGE, Henry Cabot

DATES: 25 Aug. 1963

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OCCURRENCE:

In a CIA cable to Saigon (DIR 63855), of August 25, 1963, the following message appeared:

"FYI CIA not consulted re cable being sent separately, which however cleared at highest levels. In

circumstances believe CIA must fully accept directives of policy makers and seek ways accomplish objectives they seek. While have not seen exact text, understand it invites LODGE final judgment. ... Danger in present course of action appears to be throwing away bird in hand for two adequately identified birds in bush, or songs they may sing. Thus suggest a real search for courses of action which might retain options in our hands at same time as taking positive stand rather than waiting for situation to clarify (at which point we probably unable to affect it). This boils down to seeking some middle ground for at least interim period. ..." (7)

SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, p. 7

STAFF: Dawson