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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *by*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *m.f.*
SUBJECT: VIET NAM CONGRESSIONAL TRIP

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The Department of State has requested that you make four key calls to members of Congress inviting them personally to participate in the Viet Nam Congressional trip due to leave about February 17.

State has invited Congressman John Anderson and Senators Dale Bumpers, James Pearson and Charles Mathias.

All are reportedly thinking it over and State believes a personal invitation from you would be most helpful in securing their participation.

State recommends that you make the point with these members that they are particularly needed because of their objectivity.

As background, the group will consist of about twenty from both Houses and will be bipartisan. The group will be gone about eight or nine days total and it will be a no-holds barred trip with the members permitted to see anything and go anywhere within the limits of security.

State apologizes for this additional burden on you but believes this trip is key to obtaining our request from Congress at this time for Indochina.