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MEMORANDUM FOR:

~~GENERAL SCOWCROFT~~

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FROM:

KENNETH M. QUINN *KMQ*

SUBJECT:

Anti-Vietnam Activities Scheduled for
January 25-27*HK*

The "Coalition to Stop the Funding of the War" has scheduled three days of anti-Vietnam activities in Washington from January 25 to 27. A full schedule of these activities is at Tab A. The most significant item on their agenda is the "Peace Convocation" to be held at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, January 26. It will be followed by a candlelight march to the White House. George McGovern, Coretta King, and Representative Dellums are scheduled to appear at the convocation, but it is not clear whether they will join in the march to the White House. The schedule also includes a full day of lobbying on the Hill on Monday, January 27.

Ambassador Martin is particularly concerned with these propaganda efforts and believes they are being orchestrated, if not directed, by Hanoi. In particular he cites as evidence of this a recent CIA report from Paris (Tab B). This report quotes a reliable source as saying the director of the DRV's Paris Information Office said that their main propaganda efforts in the months ahead would be concentrated in the United States. The director also reportedly said that the DRV viewed President Nguyen Van Thieu as their biggest obstacle and that the key to Thieu's removal lay in the United States. Martin believes that the recent visit to Hanoi of Fred Branfman, Francis Fitzgerald, et al, as well as the trip made by four high ranking American clergymen and Don Luce are part of this overall effort.

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NSC Memo, 11/24/98, State Dept. Guidelines, CIA Review 400

By KQH, NARA, Date 2/8/00

The activities planned include:

Saturday, January 25: Mt. Vernon College, 2100 Fox Hill Rd., N.W.
 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Films on Indochina
 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Indochina Today, Dou Luce, Buddhist Monk, Thich Tieu Chau, etc.
 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Workshop and discussion.
 6:00 p.m. Supper
 8:00 p.m. Celebration Julian Hobson, Holly Near, etc.
 11:00 p.m. Repeat, Film on Indochina

Sunday, January 26: Mt. Vernon College
 9:00 a.m. Inter-denominational Services
 10:00 a.m. Strategy to End War, Tom Hayden, Bella Abzug, Lorey Levin.
 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch, Discussion Groups
 2:30 p.m. Nuts and Bolts Organizing
 7:30 p.m. Peace Convocation, New York Ave. Presbyterian Church, 1313 New York Ave., N.W., George McGovern, Paul Washburn, Ngo Khan Duc (Third Force Leader), Corretta King, Ron Dellums, Arnold Miller.

This will be followed by a candlelight vigil to the White House (for South Vietnamese Political Prisoners and Americans needing amnesty).

Monday, January 27:
 9:00 a.m. Briefing, Lutheran Church of Reformation, 222 E. Capitol, N.E.
 10:00 a.m. Assembly with members of Congress on Capitol Steps.
 11:00 a.m. Briefing, Senate Caucus Room
 1:00 p.m. Lobbying
 4:00 p.m. Recap, Church of Reformation



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COUNTRY: SOUTH VIETNAM/ NORTH VIETNAM/FRANCE
DOI : EARLY JANUARY 1975
SUBJECT: CONCENTRATION OF UPCOMING DRV/PRG PROPAGANDA EFFORTS IN THE UNITED STATES

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1. IN LATE DECEMBER 1974, LE PHU H A O, DIRECTOR OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (DRV) INFORMATION AGENCY, SAID THAT THE MAIN PROPAGANDA EFFORTS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD WOULD BE CONCENTRATED IN THE UNITED STATES, AS IT WAS NECESSARY TO CONVINCe THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE THAT THE ONLY COURSE TO BE FOLLOWED IN SOUTH VIETNAM WAS THE APPLICATION OF THE PARIS ACCORDS, AND THAT THE U.S. AND

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GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) MUST ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE ACCORDS.

2, HAO SAID THAT THERE WAS GENERAL DISSATISFACTION IN DRV/PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT (PRG) CIRCLES OVER THE FACT THAT THE 1974 STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE HAD FAILED TO ATTRACT WORLD-WIDE ATTENTION. AS HAD THEIR RECENT ACTIVITIES IN FRANCE. HE CONSIDERED THAT REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU WAS THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO BE OVERCOME, AND THAT THE KEY TO THIEU'S REMOVAL LAY IN THE UNITED STATES. HAO SAID THAT THE FIRST STEP IN THAT DIRECTION WOULD BE A "MEETING" IN WASHINGTON ON 26 JANUARY 1975 TO COMMEMORATE THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS ACCORDS. OTHER MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD IN PARIS AND IN STOCKHOLM.

3, SEVERAL LEADING MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED THIRD FORCE, INCLUDING FORMER GVN NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN NGO CONG DUC, HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED INVITATIONS TO ATTEND THE 26 JANUARY MEETING IN WASHINGTON; DUC PLANS TO ATTEND.

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"PEACE GROUPS" AND BY THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE
COMMITTEE THROUGH ITS PARIS OFFICES.)

4. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, TRAN HIEU K H A,
THE CHIEF OF THE PRG GENERAL DELEGATION IN STOCKHOLM,
SAID THAT THE COMMUNIST FORCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM HAD NOT
RECOVERED ALL THE TERRITORY LOST DURING 1973 AND THAT
IF THIEU DID NOT ACCEPT AN EFFECTIVE CEASEFIRE, THE PRG
WOULD RESPOND WITH MILITARY ACTIONS.

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