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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M.F.*

MCF

The House Armed Services Committee today failed for the second time to consider your request for an authorization of \$722 million in military aid for South Viet Nam. The meeting broke up because a quorum could not be obtained.

Bob Wilson was in California but our conversations with friendly members of the committee indicated that the best they expected to do even if they could get a vote today would be to report a \$300 million authorization, which, of course, we already have. This would have had the effect of tossing the ball back into the court of the House Appropriations Committee.