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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *m.l.f.*  
SUBJECT: Status of Vietnam Legislation

The Senate today debated the \$200 million combination evacuation/humanitarian authorization bill and is expected to conclude consideration tomorrow. It is now expected that only technical amendments, rather than the full House bill, will be offered during Floor consideration.

Senator Tower is also expected to offer a \$200 million military assistance amendment.

The Senate Armed Services Committee failed to meet again today to reconsider your request for an additional \$422 million authorization.

In the House, the House Appropriations Committee today reported favorably a bill calling for \$165 million in military aid and \$165 million in economic aid. This legislation is expected to move to the Floor in the next day or two.

Also in the House today, the House Rules Committee granted a three hour open rule for consideration tomorrow of the House International Relations Committee bill authorizing \$150 million in evacuation/humanitarian assistance.

At this time, it is believed there is little hope of attaining approval on the Floor of either body for additional military aid. However, prospects seem good for the passage of some form of economic/evacuation/humanitarian aid.