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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 16, 1974

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Representative Thomas E. "Doc" Morgan (D-PA)

WHEN: Before 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 20, 1974

PURPOSE: To encourage Chairman Morgan to hold firm against expected attempts to drastically cut the Foreign Aid Authorization during full Committee mark-up scheduled for Tuesday morning.

VIA: William E. Timmons *W*

RECOMMENDED BY: Max L. Friedersdorf *m.f.*

BACKGROUND: 1. Mark-up is in the critical stage on the Foreign Aid Authorization Bill.

VN - 939 to 573

2. "Doc" Morgan is not resisting sizable cuts, and Indo-China Reconstruction has already been reduced from \$939 million to \$573 million.

*Mil. Asst - 985 to 550
Credit Sales - 555 to 350*

3. Awaiting action when the Committee reconvenes Tuesday are world-wide military assistance and military credit sales. The request on military assistance is \$985 million and attempts are anticipated to cut it to \$550 million. We requested \$555 million on military credit sales and there will be efforts to cut back to \$350 million.

TALKING POINTS:

1. "Doc," I am worried about the deep cuts being made in the Foreign Aid Authorization.
2. We are dedicated to reducing spending, but cuts in economic and military assistance in certain areas could lead to heavier commitments later on.
3. If Hanoi mis-read a signal from the House, it could lead to tragic consequences.
4. I hope you will lend your support to holding any reductions to a minimum.