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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 6, 1975

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached for your information is
a complete copy of the transcript
from the Question and Answer
Session in Atlanta.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JH Jones', written over a long diagonal line that extends from the bottom left towards the center.

Jerry H. Jones
Staff Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
BY THE PRESIDENT

HYATT REGENCY HOTEL

PHOENIX ROOM

2:35 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Please sit down.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to be in Atlanta. I have enjoyed the stay, and looking forward to this press conference.

Mr. Cutts of the Atlanta paper.

QUESTION: In the last 24 hours you have spoken at length about domestic concerns. I would like to ask you what options you will have to help maintain a non-Communist government in Vietnam if the Congress does not go along with your supplemental appropriation request as well as this fiscal year 1976 request for Vietnam?

THE PRESIDENT: If the Congress does not respond to the requested additional military assistance for the current fiscal year in an amount which the Congress last year previously authorized, it will certainly complicate the military situation from the point of view of the South Vietnamese.

The South Vietnamese on their own, with our financial assistance, our military aid, have done very well, but the Congress did not fully fund the requested military assistance that was requested. I believe that if the Congress funds the additional money, that I have proposed for this fiscal year and continues the money that I have recommended for next fiscal year, the South Vietnamese can and will be able to defend themselves against the aggressors from the North.

QUESTION: The question is, if the Congress fails to do that, what options will you have then?

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