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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *dy.*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DON RUMSFELD *DR*
JACK MARSH *gm*

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M.6.*

SUBJECT: Rhodes/Albert Return from China

RRF

Speaker Albert and John Rhodes returned to Andrews at 3 P.M. today and I greeted them on your behalf.

There was a lengthy press conference at plane side, with the Speaker and Rhodes ducking questions on South East Asia.

Both leaders said they had been largely out of touch on the situation except for two telegrams from the President. Albert and Rhodes indicated to the press they planned to talk to you as soon as possible about Viet Nam.

I spoke with the leaders after the press conference and advised them you had just concluded a bi-partisan leadership meeting.

Both leaders indicated they were exhausted, planned to go home to bed, and would like to talk to you in the morning.

I recommend a phone call in the a.m. to Rhodes and Albert or bring them down to the White House together.