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STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

I want to be certain the record is accurate concerning diplomatic initiatives by the United States for a negotiated settlement in Vietnam.

I was misinformed on this subject today by a member of the National Security Council staff, and as a result you were given some inaccurate information.

At the moment there are no new diplomatic initiatives underway in the narrow sense. Of course we seek full implementation of the Paris Accords by North Vietnam and we have stated that publicly and often. We have tried through normal diplomatic channels to persuade North Vietnam to live up to the Accords. These efforts so far have been unsuccessful.

So the record will be accurate, these diplomatic efforts should not be considered as new specific initiatives.

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