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TO: GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: AMBASSADOR GRAHAM MARTIN *AM*



1. One of our perennial problems is the influence Congressional
staffers have on the Executive Branch bureaucracy. ^{On matters affecting Vietnam} ~~When~~ some of the

Congressional dedicated zealots can convince our friends in the Executive
Branch that they should conform to the "Congressional realities" even if
to do so goes against the clear outlines of the President's announced
program.

2. One of the most successful ^{recent} ~~examples in recent years~~ is the concerted
drive to limit all economic aid to Vietnam to "humanitarian" purposes
and eliminate all economic development funding. This serves to cripple
the GVN while salving the consciences of the Members that they are, after
all, doing something "humanitarian."

3. A perfect example is contained in State 084077 which clearly writes off
Vietnam. Saigon's 4884 written by Denny Ellerman provides comments on
this so compelling I believe it deserves to be brought to the attention of the
President. We need to reverse this trend and insure testimony next week clearly

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E.O. 12356, Sec. 3.4.

MR 93-37, #20; NSC letter 6/24/94, State 11/18/94
By WT, 10/11/94, NARA, Date 4/11/94 2/3/95

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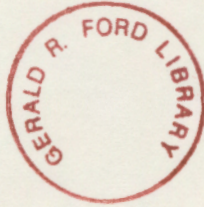
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accords with the President's intention.

4. Both messages are repeated in the next following cable.

5. Warm regards.

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