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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Previous communications furnished information obtained from extremely sensitive sources concerning contacts made by members of the White House staff and other Government officials. The same sources have furnished the following additional information.

Mrs. Henry Brandon, the wife of Henry Brandon of the "London Sunday Times," recently mentioned the letter of Secretary of Interior Hickel which received considerable publicity due to its anti-Administration stand. She said that Mr. Hickel had only been able to see the President twice in the past fifteen months. She also said that Henry Kissinger of the White House staff is going to be told by Harvard University personnel that he is "not welcome back at their University." During a subsequent talk with Richard Newstadt, a member of the Harvard faculty, Newstadt mentioned holding a meeting with Mr. Kissinger on May 8, 1970. He said that Kissinger did not defend himself but told the group, apparently from Harvard University, that they would feel better next year.

Morton H. Halperin, a former member of the White House staff who is now employed by the Brookings Institution, during a conversation with an individual employed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, mentioned that he had resigned as a consultant to the White House. This was apparently in opposition to the present United States action in Vietnam and Cambodia. He said he was not going to make a press release concerning his resignation but was going to "quietly tell people" so that if anyone wanted to write about it, they could. He also told this individual that he could

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feel free to mention the fact he was resigning to anyone in the press. Halperin said he was becoming a "revolutionary or at least a radical." He defined radicalism as "telling the truth in simple language." He also stated that the result of the Cambodian invasion would be the killing of a large number of Cambodian civilians who will be "labeled Viet Cong."

Averell Harriman contacted Ambassador Bill Sullivan of the State Department. Harriman asked what the situation in Cambodia looked like. Sullivan stated that he thought the communists would fall back to the northeast sections of Cambodia which they will use as main bases. Harriman then inquired whether or not Sullivan was one of the 250 individuals of State Department who signed a protest of United States action. Sullivan said he was not. Harriman then asked whether Ambassador Bunker was going to resign. Sullivan said he wanted to but that the President would not let him. Harriman also commented that the President has "lost the country." Sullivan said that his main effort is to try to get a cease fire. Harriman commented that the trouble is Kissinger will not negotiate.

Harriman said that the State Department employees who signed the protest plan to meet at his house May 17, 1970 and invited Sullivan to join them. Sullivan agreed to attend.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

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