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FROM: Amembassy SAIGON

TO: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON

REF: Saigon's Telegram 1216, Dec. 24, 1960

SUBJECT: Memorandum Handed to President Diem on Liberalization

Enclosed is the English text of the memorandum on liberalization which Ambassador Durbrow handed to President Diem on December 23, 1960, as indicated in Saigon's Telegram 1216. The French text of the memorandum is being forwarded under transmittal slip to Mr. Wood in SEA.

As indicated in Telegram 1216, the Ambassador supplemented the memorandum with the following oral remarks about the supplying of the H-34 helicopter to Viet-Nam: "I have just learned today that my Government has approved the request to give H-34 helicopters to Viet-Nam. The total will be 11 units. I have been told that the first ones will be delivered shortly and that we shall be furnished soon with the delivery dates for all of them."

President Diem's reaction to this approach on liberalization was described in Telegram 1216.

For the Ambassador

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