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Subject: Approach to President Diem on Suggested Political Actions

Attached as enclosure 1 is the English text of a memorandum on suggested political actions, a French translation of which was read and then handed to President Diem by Ambassador Durbrow on October 14, 1960. The French translation which was left with President Diem was classified "Top Secret" for the purpose of impressing Diem. For United States' purposes, however, we consider the classification of both the English and French texts to be Secret.

Attached as enclosure 2 is the English text of notes on the suggested transfer of Ngo Dinh Nhu and Dr. Tran Kim Tuyen, a French translation of which was read to President Diem by Ambassador Durbrow at the same time.

President Diem's reaction to this approach was described in our telegram No. 802, October 15, 1960.

For the Ambassador

/s/

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Enclosures:

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suggested political actions

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transfer of Ngo Dinh Nhu and Dr.  
Tran Kim Tuyen.