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1. Last paragraph of our 209716 giving gist of President's remarks to Razak was drafted by NSC staff and personally reviewed by Dr. Kissinger.

2. In my own conversation with Razak in early October I chose to interpret his proposal as a long-term goal which was pretty far down the pike. He readily concurred, observing that a settlement of the Vietnam war was a precondition, and even then it might be some time before such an arrangement could be worked out.

3. We were concerned that the proposed declaration of SEA neutrality at the upcoming ASEAN conclave did not seem to consider the possible impact on non-communist

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Indochina nations and on our continued ability to discharge our responsibilities there, nor the possible effect on US bilateral security arrangements with Thailand and the Philippines. We did not and do not intend to engage in overkill, or to discourage the efforts of the GOM and other SEA nations to find answers to their security problem.

4. I am sympathetic to the concerns you expounded so ably in your two messages, and hope that our replies will be of some help to you.

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