Telcon
Secretary Kissinger
Secretary Schlesinger
4-29-75; 1:45 p.m.

K: Hello.

S: Hi, Henry.

K: Jim, I have just talked to the President and he sees no choice except to terminate the thing.

S: Okay. He has about 700 between 750 people there now. Five hundred Vietnamese -- what we can do is give them a number of choppers to go in or tell him there is a time limit -- he must be out by 3:30 or something like that.

K: Well, how many choppers can you give him?

S: We have in train eight choppers plus eleven. Eight are on the way and there are 11 more that are standing in the wings as it were.

K: Eight would get out how many?

S: Approximately 450.

K: Four hundred fifty and we have altogether 750.

S: Right. I would say God-dammit this is the end -- you know.

K: Why don't you give him say altogether twelve helicopters and say that is a Presidential order.

S: Okay.

K: Would 12 do it?

S: I think so, we may jiggle that to 13 or something. We will have to do some careful calculations.

K: Well, give them what you think it takes of what is on the ground now and that's it.

S: Right.

K: I take it you have got communications to the ship now?

S: We are concerned whether or not we can still go through by crypt but what we will do is give a pilot a message to hand to him.
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K: Oh, I see.

S: You see, our satellite system was blown when they left the DAO compound. We also can go in the clear but you would not want to go in the clear.

K: No, but can you send in a message and say this is a Presidential order. You have to figure, eight are in train anyway so there is no sense in doing anything about that.

S: No problem.

K: And say -- you can say six more and that's it!

S: Okay.

K: And that's a Presidential order and he must come out with them.

S: Right. On the 14th.

K: Right.

S: Good.

K: Thank you. And you let us know when the 14th has left.

S: They are moving very slowly now. They have only got the two chopper spaces out there. Okay.

K: Thank you.

S: You bet.