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1. Dept pleased eight newspapers' appeal mentions medical supplies for Vietnamese people. Medical items most urgently needed are broad spectrum antibiotics (except chlormicetin). This material primarily for the half million refugees in South Vietnam. For future reference, the SVN refugee program needs following items most: sweetened condensed milk, refined salt, rice, refined white sugar, multi-purpose tents (preferably 8 man) blankets, bolts cotton cloth, bar soap and sewing machines. SVN refugees resettlement program needs roofing, aluminum or corrugated sheets, nails, prefab construction units, warehousing and water pumps.

2. In order make arrangements acceptance token 400 Freedom Bells, Dept needs to know names of newspaper representatives and firm date of arrival in Washington.

3. Arrangements will be made with appropriate agency to distribute Freedom Bells at later date. Since the number of Americans killed is well over 1000 now, suggest to publishers that 400 bells sufficient as

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symbolic gift to representative families. This will avoid future problems of supply and distribution of bells.

4. Should publishers representatives plan to visit South Vietnam for presentation token medical ~~supplies~~ supplies shipment, it should be suggested to them that they make commercial travel arrangements from Berlin. They would probably want to coordinate their visit with Foreign Office in Bonn so that German Embassy at Saigon could be advised nature their trip and date of arrival. If they would like assistance from U.S. in this regard, please advise.

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