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1. AT MY REQUEST, FON MIN MANESCU RECEIVED ME MAY 25 FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION. SAYING I WAS ACTING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, I REQUESTED WHAT IMPRESSIONS OR INFORMATION COULD HE GIVE ME CONCERNING POSSIBILITIES OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF VIETNAM ISSUE IN LIGHT OF RECENT VISITS BODNARAS MISSION TO HANOI, PEIPING AND MOSCOW.

2. MANESCU RESPONDED BY EMPHASIZING ROMANIANS HAD STRONG IMPRESSION THAT VIETNAMESE DETERMINED TO "FIGHT TO END - TO LAST MAN" AND THAT IN CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WOULD INCREASINGLY SUPPORT THEM. WE KNOW RESPECTIVE POSITIONS OF OUR GOVERNMENTS AND

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HE WOULD NOT REVIEW THEM AGAIN BUT ROMANIANS BELIEVE THERE CANNOT BE MILITARY SOLUTION TO QUESTION AND THAT MILITARY MEASURES BEING TAKEN BY US, I.E. ESCALATION IN BOMBING NORTH AND IN US MILITARY PRESENCE COULD ONLY LEAD TO FURTHER RESOLVE VIETNAMESE TO FIGHT ON AND TO FURTHER ASSISTANCE OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. VIETNAMESE MUST BE PERMITTED TO SOLVE PROBLEM THEMSELVES WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. ROMANIAN VIEWS ON VIETNAM QUESTION WELL-KNOWN AND HAD NOT CHANGED.

3. TO MY POINTS CONCERNING CESSATION OF BOMBING NORTH VIETNAM FOR EXTENDED PERIOD BEGINNING OF YEAR AND INTENSIVE EFFORTS MADE BY US SINCE THEN TO FIND BASIS FOR NEGOTIATED RATHER THAN MILITARY SETTLEMENT OF PROBLEM, MANESCU SAID IMPOSSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WHILE BOMBING NORTH VIETNAM CONTINUED AND REITERATED VIETNAMESE SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE MAKE OWN SETTLEMENT. I HAD ASKED FOR ROMANIAN IMPRESSIONS SITUATION IN WAKE BODNARAS VISIT AND HE HAD GIVEN THEM FRANKLY.

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4. COMMENT: MANESCU SPOKE IN NON POLEMICAL, NON-ARGUMENTATIVE FASHION AND IN TONE MORE OF SORROW THAN ANGER. REFERENCE TO INCREASED ASSISTANCE OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES EXPRESSED IN GENERAL TERMS AND NO HINT THAT ROMANIANS WILL DO MUCH MORE THAN DEFEND

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MORAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT TO NORTH VIETNAM WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN PRIMARY PURPOSE BODNARAS TRIP.

5. DISCUSSION OTHER TOPICS BY SEPTEL.

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