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Reference: Department telegram 249.

I believe only fair answer at this time to three questions in numbered paragraph 2 reference telegram is that we do not know. A further meeting with Diem is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. and Minh may be seen at same time or soon thereafter. Information bearing on your questions may emerge from this meeting, but it may not. As of now, there are no signs, apart from Diem's receptiveness to initial approach, that these or any other generals are really prepared to act against the government. (See separate message CAS channels for further details).

Unless and until we receive some sure sign of willingness and power to act, I believe it would be both pointless and dangerous to query generals about alternate leadership candidates. If meeting this afternoon develops favorably, however, soundings will be made.

Since above drafted have received CAS report (FVS 9543) suggesting Minh may be moving. GP-1

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