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**Secret Telegram from Maneli (Saigon) to Spasowski
(Warsaw) [Ciphergram No. 11464]**

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Summary:

Record of remarks by French ambassador Lalouette, sent by Polish official Maneli to Warsaw. In it, Lalouette notes that an overthrow of Diem and Phu would be bad for the possibility of peace in Vietnam. He states that leaving them in power, weakened, could lead to more useful negotiations.

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Spasowski

FYI: Siedlecki, Trojanowski, Thee

I asked Ambassador Lalouette to explain the attitude of de Gaulle's declaration as to the Geneva Accords. He replied:

1. We rest on the Geneva Accords as the basis of legal and political solutions for the Vietnam matter. The first commentary of the Moscow radio was not correct, but the voices from the Soviet press were better. The thesis [in the Soviet media] that the point is to "mock the US" simplifies the declaration; Poland and the USSR should assess it positively for accepting the Geneva Accords.

2. The military junta would be the worst thing; the US politicians are childish, they committed terrible errors in Laos.

3. The French and the Poles should be working together discreetly in order to lead to North-South negotiations according to the Geneva Accords. If Diem and Nhu, I quote here, "whom France has always criticized, hold onto power, then even weakened and hated, they will have to come into understanding with Hanoi. This will be a prelude to a further evolution."

/-/ Maneli

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