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editorial note 1 (normass/deepe)

*John R/S.-*

SAIGON, OCTOBER 16--Prohayward. Hark: Saigon is aflutter with speculation of a bombing halt; see the incoming wires, specially Reuters. I decided at this point there's not enough we can add to the wires to go out on it; ~~it seems to me~~ *it seems to me* that it could be genuine, or it could be a trial balloon. *(The strange think to me is that Le Duc Tho is just going to Hanoi for consultation, rather than returning--hence things look a bit up in the air. However, we do hear here that a joint Washington-Saigon announcement is pending--so please let Washington come out with the high-level interpretation and I'll do the reaction stuff from here. We'll see how things look tomorrow and I'll file something on it if it is still circulating around town, and will probably skip filing on Le May altogether altogether. Would appreciate any advisories from Washington or you on the bombing halt. Regards Bev).*

--end reuter