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editorial note 1 (normass/deepe)

SAIGON, AUGUST ~~23~~ 24--Prohayward/ or Projohansson. Thanks for the news of John and Beb. We are not cabling today. The first of next week, I'll try to get a military story off to you wrapping up Communist activity since August 18, showing any patterns and trying to interpret it. But, I must wait for some briefings before doing this. Also, we are working ^{THE} on a piece about Vietnamese government peace program and we'll weave in ~~the~~ the few relevant comments made by President Thieu last night. By itself, his speech ~~is~~ was not too illuminating on this. Next week, I'll also attempt to give you ~~a~~ Vietnamese nationalist reaction to the Democratic convention--although ~~that~~ I'll probably skip this if there are major news developments here. Hopefully, at the end of the week, I'll drive to Bien Hoa for a military-political ~~appraisal~~ appraisal of the situation in the ~~area~~ corps area outside of Saigon, but no date for this has yet been set. So, despite the Czecks and Demos, ~~me~~ I hope to be able to give NEXT WEEK you some newsworthy copy from here too. Regards Bev.

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