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For years, every time an American Senator has made a proposal to bring this war to an end earlier, he has been greeted with the same response from our government as Secretary Rogers used today. It is apparent that the other side will not accept the terms the Administration has set. Hanoi's official newspaper said so last Saturday, and today's developments in Paris confirm it.

I believe they would respond seriously to the terms I have suggested. That means the killing of American boys in Vietnam can come to an end sooner. I do not think it is against the national interest to try to promote this goal.

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