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Quang Tri (in Vietnam) has fallen to the North Vietnamese. Under Saigon is nearly invested. While Tom Donahue of the U.S. Embassy says that the North Vietnamese were not performed as well now as they did in the Tet offensive of 1968, it seems to me that since the Americans have withdrawn, the situation is different as the South Vietnamese may be demoralized — how deeply we can only speculate, although the indications point to a deep demoralization of their troops.

Anyway it may be only a matter of time before South Vietnam falls. Saigon.

If it does and the local subversives escalate their sabotage and harassment then it may be necessary for me to speak against law.

Air Force 37th Anniversary this morning. Parade and Review — then Air Show by the Red Aces and Blue Diamonds. I said — "We trust our allies. We believe in their word. To be worthy partners we must not be too much of a burden to them. We must be assets. So that if we really need them they too would not hold back in extending aid to us. I self-sufficiency and Byrode said, "I like what you said and I will help in every way possible."