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SUBJECT**

THE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT REGULAR PRESS BRIEFING TODAY.

BEGIN TEXT: I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF I COMMENTED ON VARIOUS QUESTIONS THAT HAVE ARISEN CONCERNING US POLICY TOWARD THE NLF.

ON THE QUESTION OF NEGOTIATIONS AND THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN ANY FORM, OUR POLICY REMAINS WHAT IT HAS BEEN: NAMELY, WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS PEACE WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN HANOI OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AT ANY TIME. AS THE PRESIDENT MADE CLEAR ON JULY 28, 1965, THE VIET CONG OR THE SO-CALLED NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY BEING REPRESENTED AND HAVING ITS VIEWS REPRESENTED.

ANY ALTERATION IN THIS POLICY WOULD BE A MATTER WHICH WE WOULD TAKE UP WITH OUR FIGHTING ALLIES, INCLUDING ESPECIALLY THE GOVERNMENT NEWLY ELECTED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION IN SAIGON. AT THE MOMENT, NOTHING IN THE PRESENT SITUATION REQUIRES OR JUSTIFIES A CHANGE IN POLICY.

SO FAR AS THE SITUATION IN THE UN IS CONCERNED, AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG HAS MADE CLEAR -- ALWAYS STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE POLICY -- THAT WE WOULD NOT OPPOSE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NLF PRESENTING THEIR VIEWS TO THE UNITED NATIONS WHEN THEY ARE OFFICIALLY INVITED FOR OFFICIAL BUSINESS. THE QUESTION OF THE NLF COMING TO THE UNITED NATIONS UNDER AN OFFICIAL INVITATION IS OF COURSE TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM ANY QUESTION OF THEIR ENTERING THE UNITED STATES FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. WE DO OPPOSE THEIR COMING MERELY TO MOUNT A PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN.

ON THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE POLITICAL STRUCTURE IN THE SOUTH, WE HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE CLEAR THAT OUR OBJECTIVE IS THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE WITHOUT

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EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE. THE IMPOSITION OF ANY COALITION GOVERNMENT WOULD BE AT VARIANCE WITH THIS PRINCIPLE. WE WOULD OPPOSE ANY PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD TURN THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM OVER TO THE NLF. IN ESSENCE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE MUST WORK OUT THEIR OWN FUTURE, ACTING THROUGH ELECTORAL PROCESSES OF THE KIND CARRIED FORWARD IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN CARRYING OUT A POLICY OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, UNDER WHICH INDIVIDUALS NOW ASSOCIATED WITH THE VIET CONG MAY, IF THEY ACCEPT CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES, RECEIVE THE FULL RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO MADE CLEAR ITS WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO CONTACTS WITH ELEMENTS OF THE NLF. ALL OF THESE ACTIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THEIR BELIEF, AND OURS -- AND THE MANY TIMES STATED POLICY OF THIS GOVERNMENT -- THAT THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF SOUTH VIETNAM MUST BE WORKED OUT IN SOUTH VIETNAM BY THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. END TEXT

2. SPOKESMAN THEN ADDED TWO POINTS ON BACKGROUND BASIS:

QUOTE 1. THE COMMUNISTS HAVE BEEN MAKING VARIOUS PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS - CAMPAIGNS ON THE QUESTIONS OF BOMBING, COALITION OR WHAT HAVE YOU. 2. POLICY OF THIS GOVERNMENT IS STABLE AND HAS BEEN STATED BY THE PRESIDENT. IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN POLICY, YOU WILL KNOW IT BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT WILL STATE IT. END QUOTE  
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