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AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON.

1565. SECRET. PRIORITY.

REPEATED MANILA MISC 148 LONDON 241 (CANBERRA PLEASE
PASS MANILA).

BATTALION FOR VIETNAM.

YOUR TELEGRAM 1219.

COLONEL CLELAND HAS UNDERTAKEN TO LET US HAVE TOMORROW
MORNING PENTAGON'S SPECIFIC CONFIRMATION THAT AMERICAN
ASSISTANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN RESPECTS MENTIONED IN YOUR FINAL
SENTENCE.

HE QUITE SAW MANILA'S POINTS REGARDING INEVITABILITY OF
TRANSITS BECOMING PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND DESIRABILITY IN INTERESTS
OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH PHILIPPINES OF OUR MAKING DIRECT
APPROACH FOR USE OF FACILITIES AT ZAMBOANGA AND POSSIBLY MANILA.

HIS ONLY DOUBT WAS WHETHER IN AN ELECTION YEAR MACAPAGAL WOULD
BE AGREEABLE TO EXPLOITATION OF MOVE IN WAY YOU ENVISAGE.

2. CLELAND MENTIONED THAT THREE MARINE BATTALIONS ARE TO BE
LANDED TOMORROW AT CHU LAI IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE.

THEIR ROLE WILL BE ESSENTIALLY SIMILAR TO EARLIER MARINE
DEPLOYMENTS.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WILL ALSO BE MADE TOMORROW.

(DL PLEASE ADVISE COMMUNICATIONS
DUTY OFFICER WHETHER TELEGRAPHIC
RETRANSMISSION TO MANILA IS DESIRED)

Yes

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