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My telegram 133. I see Schumann last night (United
States Ambassador) said that he would like us to con-continue
or the United States would have to consider
acting unilaterally, they have no such action in view yet.

The French Government has made it quite clear that there must
be no question of intervention, unless, and until, they asked
for it when they would act not only the United States of
America but the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, etc.

They could not bind themselves, however; in an emergency to
wait until everyone had expressed their view. France still
wishes to avoid "internationalisation" of the conflict and

whilst the situation in the Laos area was not critical,
still might occur so if the Chinese increased assistance to

members, tactical advice etc. There were indications they
were doing so.

2. The answer to the question now for the French could
withstand an all out attack, must depend on my appreciation
after he has had time to review the position.

3. Schumann expressed considerable anxiety to

reactions in the Assembly here and Congress in the United States
of America and the idea of intervention. Clearly he would like to
see the opening of consultations on the possibility of joint
action. Although he showed no optimism that today's meeting might
lead to progress, he insisted that we must continue to seek
an agreement at Geneva as long as there is any chance.

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