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	ING-THE-MILITARY O	UT ON-THIS ONE. OUR UNDER	STANDING OF SITUATION		
	IS THAT SECDEF LAI	RD IS PUSHING HARD TO PROVI	DE THE VIETNAMESE		
	WITH THIS ARMED LI	GHT PLANE INTERDICTION CA	PABILITY ASAP. DOD HAS		
	APPROVAL TO PURC	HASE 30 AIRCRAFT AND HAS A	PPROACHED US		
	SO THAT THEY CAN I	AVE THE VNAF PILOTS CHECK	KED OUT BY TIME PLANES		
	ARRIVE SO THAT PIL	OTS CAN PROCEED IN SHORTE	ST TIME SPACE TO THEIR		
	TACTICAL TRAINING	. ACCORDING TO OUR INFO, T	HE TRANSITION TRAINING		
	THEY NEED FROM	INVOLVES 25 HOURS EA	ACH FOR 20 VIETNAMESE		
	PILOTS WITH EMPHA	SIS ON STOL TECHNIQUES AND	HEAVYWEIGHT PER-		
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οl	2. HQS HAS SAID THAT IT FEELS IT CAN HANDLE THIS			
	REQUIREMENT, AND THE AGENCY HAS NO OBJECTION, PROVIDING IT CAN DO			
	SO WITHOUT ADVERSELY AFFECTING ITS SUPPORT TO OPERATIONS			
ť	VINTUAM. IN LAOS AND SAIGON. IN VIEW OF THE HEAVY SUPPORT WE GET FROM DOD,			
	WE WANT VERY MUCH TO HELP THEM ON THIS ONE, PROVIDING IT DOES NOT			
	ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR OPERATIONS. THEY SPECIFICALLY WANT PILOTS			
	CHECKED OUT IN PORTER, AND, SINCE THEY HAVE NONE, CAN'T DO JOB			
	THEMSELVES. AS WE SEE IT, MONEY IS NOT INVOLVED FOR DOD HAS THE AND			
	MONEY/HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO PAY. IF THERE			
	ARE TECHNICAL CONTRACTUAL PROCEDURES THAT WOULD BE DIFFICULT			
•.	TO WORK OUT, REQUEST YOU ADVISE SUGGESTIONS ON HOW THESE MIGHT			
	BE OVERCOME OR ALLEVIATED. PLEASE ADVISE.			
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