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SPEED LETTER		REPLY REQUESTED		DATE 3 May 1972
		YES	X	NO
TO : AC/TBL		FROM: C/Laos		
ATTN:				
SUBJECT: Senate Hearing on Refugee Problems in Laos				
25X1	O'Connor is scheduled to testify on refugee problems in Laos next Tuesday, 9 May. On 3 May, a Mr. Gladson of AID's Office of General Counsel told me that Senator Fong has volunteered to insure that Kennedy does not get away with using statements in the GAO report out of context [redacted]			
25X1	[redacted] AID is briefing Fong on 3 May so that he will be familiar enough with the GAO report to challenge any out-of-context allegations by Kennedy. [redacted]			
25X1	[redacted]			
25X1	I believe it was agreed among agencies previously and we have already cleared on AID's proposed declassification of related material in the O'Connor testimony to Symington that, in view of largely unfounded allegations about CIA use of AID funds and facilities, there would be some benefit to a balanced unclassified discussion of these arrangements in open session. [redacted]			
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