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ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

SUBJECT: BRIEFING SENIOR INDONESIANS ON VIETNAM

REF: SAIGON 15862 REPEATED TO JAKARTA BY STATE 202459

1. INDONESIANS HAVE AGAIN RAISED WITH EMBASSY THEIR NEED FOR BRIEFINGS ON VIETNAM SITUATION AS THEY PREPARE FOR ICCS ROLE.

2. IN THIS INSTANCE, REQUEST COMES DIRECT FROM HANKAM AND CONSISTS OF AN URGENT REQUEST THAT US PROVIDE FOR SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS SERIES OF BRIEFINGS ON ALL ASPECTS OF VIETNAM SITUATION REVELANT TO INDONESIA'S PREPARATION FOR AND PARTICIPATION IN ICCS. (SUBJECTS OF INTEREST ARE: (A) HISTORICAL EVOLUTION OF VIETNAM PROBLEM, INCLUDING SOCIAL AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS; (B) STRATEGIC GOALS OF NORTH/SOUTH VIETNAM; (C) CURRENT GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION OF NORTH/SOUTH VIETNAM; (D) THE ORGANIZATION, TACTICS AND INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE VIET CONG; AND (E) REGIONAL APPRISAL BY CORPS ZONE.

AT MISSION HERE IS NECESSARYLY DATED, INDONESIAN SENSE OF URGENCY AND PROPOSED AUDIENCE ARE SUCH THAT WE HAVE AGREED TO BEGIN BRIEFINGS ON DECEMBER 6. USING AS BRIEFERS THOSE EMBASSY, DAO AND DLG OFFICERS WITH VIETNAM EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUND.

4. GIVEN HIGH LEVEL OF INDONESIAN AUDIENCE AND THEIR KEY ROLE IN PREPARING INDONESIAN FORCES FOR ICCS ROLE, WE CONSIDER TGIF IS ISJPNB TIME TO PICK UP SAIGON'S PREVIOUS OFFER (REFTEL) TO SEND TEAM OF SENIOR EMBASSY AND MACV OFFICERS TO JAKARTA FOR BRIEF VISIT. WE HOPE VERY MUCH TWO OR MORE SUCH OFFICERS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE PROMPTLY; WE COULD MAKE EXCELLENT USE OF THEM BEGINNING DECEMBER 7 OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE. TEAM SHOULD INCLUDE OFFICERS WHO, IN ADDITION TO BEING FULLY CONVERSANT WITH CURRENT SITUATION IN VIETNAM, CAN COMMUNICATE WELL TO AN AUDIENCE WHOSE ENGLISH IS GOOD BUT FAR FROM PERFECT. IF AT ALL FEASIBLE, WE ALSO URGE THAT TEAM INCLUDE EMBASSY OR MACV OFFICER WHO WILL BE DESIGNATED TO WORK WITH INDONESIAN CONTINGENT ONCE IT ARRIVES IN VIETNAM. WE SEE GREAT ADVANTAGES TO THIS -- BOTH FOR FUTURE RAPPORT AND FOR INSIGHT IT WOULD GIVE OFFICERS INTO INDONESIAN VIEWS, CONCERNS, CONCEPTS OF THEIR MISSION, ETC.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY ADVICE IF SAIGON CAN SEND BRIEFING PERSONNEL AND, IF SO, THEIR NUMBERS AND ETA JAKARTA.

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