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FM: SAMUEL HOSKINSON, SINGAPORE 604

TO: MAJOR GENERAL HAIG, SAIGON

AS A RESULT OF OUR RECENT VISIT TO PHNOM PENH AND
IN VIEW OF YOUR FORTHCOMING VISIT THERE, SECRETARY
CONNOLLY THINKS YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING
MAJOR POINTS THAT EMERGED FROM HIS DISCUSSION WITH LON
NOL:

--LON NOL TALKED ABOUT PUTTING TOGETHER A COMBINED
CAMBODIAN, LAOTIAN AND THAI FORCE TO MOVE AGAINST
THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. CONNOLLY GAVE HIM NO
ENCOURAGEMENT AND STRESSED THE FIRST PRIORITY
SHOULD BE TO GET CAMBODIA'S OWN MILITARY HOUSE IN
ORDER.

--LON NOL SPECIFICALLY SAID THAT HE WOULD WELCOME
THE STATIONING OF U.S. MILITARY FORCES IN CAMBODIA.
CONNOLLY EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THIS APPARENT MOVE
AWAY FROM NEUTRALITY BUT WAS OTHERWISE NON-COMMITTAL
IN HIS RESPONSE.

AMBASSADOR SWANK SAT IN ON CONNOLLY'S ENTIRE TALK WITH
LON NOL AND CAN FILL YOU IN ON THE OTHER LESS IMPORTANT
ASPECTS.

HOPE YOU HAVE SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH.
WARMEST REGARDS.

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