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Send LDX to Ben Read from Walt Rostow

The President would like the following telegram to Prime Minister Holt go thru Ambassador Clark

QUOTE A quarter-century ago I found out that if you had to be away from home and fighting a war, the best country to be in is Australia. I hear that the first group of our servicemen to come to you from Vietnam has arrived at the same conclusion.

I know the thought and care and warmth that went into the arrangements made for our men.

I wish to thank you and, through you, the people of Australia for what you are doing. UNQUOTE