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Mr. President:

As requested, herewith a situation report on third country troops and prospects.

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Number of Third Country Troops Now in Viet-Nam is approx. 60,000

Breakdown by Country:

Korea	48,800
Australia	6,300
New Zealand	376
Thailand	2,200
Philippines	2,100

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Estimated Additional Troops:

Australia	1,700 to arrive by end of '67 -- total 8,000
New Zealand	170 to arrive late Nov or Dec 67 -- total 546
Thailand	Increased by a Division of volunteer troops; new div. is expected to consist of approx. 10,600. (However, a precise figure has never been announced by the Thai Government to the knowledge of Miss Hallquist.) Best guess is that the troops would not be ready for actual arrival in Viet-Nam before 3-6 months.
Philippines	There have been discussions of 2,000 combat engineers but this is most uncertain at the moment. (SECRET)
Korea	The current status on additional troops is in the hands of the Korean Government. While figures have been mentioned, they are most uncertain. The Korean Ministry of national defense has a study underway regarding what they can do and how much it will cost.

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