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Australian Embassy has discussed with us message from Australian

Government Canberra which points out that if announcement of Australian deployment of battalion to SVN is not done by Thursday April 29, will have to be put off until following Tuesday. They regard this as undesirable because of threatened leaks. Therefore GOA would like Anderson to see Quat to clear matter with him to enable PrMin Memies make public statement evening April 29 Australia time.

We explained to EmbOff status of Ambassador Taylor's exploration deployment question with PrMin Quat (Saigon's 3511/) and said that we would have to ask Taylor for his estimate of whether by Thursday Australians would be in position to make announcement. Therefore require Saigon's best current estimate to enable us reply to Australians; you should also convey this to Anderson.

We took opportunity also point out that politically best sequence would be if GVN first announced its request and then PrMin Memies followed with his statement. Embassies of Saigon and Canberra should keep this point before Australians.

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S/S - Mr. deMartino

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