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Numbered Para 7 reftel concerning Status of Forces Agreement for Australian military personnel in Viet-Nam, to be worked out bilaterally, SOFA. was not intended to imply anything like formal ~~agreements~~. We envisage additional Australian forces as having same status as US forces and Australian forces already there, viz. diplomatic status under 1950 Pentilateral Agreement and existing bilateral GVN-Australia agreement. We most anxious question of ^{new} SOFA not rpt not arise, for obvious reasons. Therefore Saigon and Canberra should inform GOA and GVN only if asked that it our understanding Pentilaterals will by extension cover new forces.

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