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LODGE VISIT

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HIGHLIGHT OF GIVE AND TAKE WITH PM AND SENIOR CABINET MEMBERS IN TWO HOUR SESSION WITH LODGE WAS EVIDENT DESIRE ON PART OF AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL TO BE REASSURED OF U.S. DETERMINATION TO STAY IN VIETNAM UNTIL ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST FUTHER AGGRESSION HAD BEEN ACHIEVED. "UNCONDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS" FEATURE OF PRESIDENT'S SPEECH, ACCORDING TO PM, HAD CAUSED CONFUSION "IN SOME CIRCLES" THAT U.S. WAS SEEKING A WAY OUT OF VIETNAM PROBLEM WITHOUT INSURANCE AGINST FUTURE COMMUNIST AGGRESSION.

LODGE ASSURED PM AND MINISTERS THAT U.S. WAS NOT SEEKING QUICK WAY OUT. HISTORY OF U.S. ACTIONS AGAINST COMMUNISM, IN BERLIN, IN KOREA, WAS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF U.S. PATIENCE AND PERSISTENCE.

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