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LETTER DATED 1 JUNE 1965 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF AUSTRALIA
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On the instructions of my Government I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a statement by the Government of Australia delivered to the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on 29 May 1965, in reply to the latter's statement of 15 May 1965, on the Australian Government's decision to dispatch forces to South Viet-Nam.

The President of the Security Council was informed on 4 May 1965 by the Australian Government of the latter's decision to dispatch forces to South Viet-Nam in order to assist in securing its defence against the hostile activities, including armed attacks, which have been supported, organized, and directed by North Viet-Nam.

As was stated at that time, this decision was made at the request of the Republic of Viet-Nam and is in accordance with Australia's international obligations.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would have the text of the statement of the Australian Government circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.,

(Signed) Dudley McCARTHY
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
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