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2. The United States therefore wished to recognize the new government early next week.

Koren (Director South-East Asian Affairs) then went on to say that he had made the following point only to the U.K., Canada and ourselves.

Because of the United States "peculiar position" and deep involvement in Vietnam, it did not want to be the first to recognize the new government if this could be avoid.

For the United States alone to lead the field into recognition might appear to give substance to charges that it had engineered the change of government.

It would therefore like to coordinate the timing of recognition with close friends.