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Press Conference given by Mr. Averell Harriman, United States Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs, and Sir Garfield Barwick. on Thursday, 6th June, 1963, at Mascot Airport.

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q. Mr. Harriman, would you say Australia is taking enough active part in the affairs of South-East Asia to combat communism?

Mr. Harriman. I think they are taking a very keen interest in South-East Asia and we are very glad that the Australia flag is alongside the American flag and the troubled spots in South-East Asia. The question of the size of the military effort is entirely a matter for the Australian Government and the Australian people to decide. We welcome them very much as partners in these enterprises to try to protect the countries of South-East Asia and to maintain their freedom. Australia is playing a very important role.