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TO: CHIEF MAAG (INDOCHINA) SAIGON VIETNAM

INFO: CINCPAC PEARL HARBOR TH

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Reference MG 3593 B

Difficulties in completing and tabulating inventory
MDAP equipment, as reported reference message, fully appreciated.
However, concern here increasing over large MDAP stocks remain-
ing in Vietnam. Worsening political situation in Vietnam, pro-
posed cut in force levels and force basis Vietnamese Army,
total stocks of military material reported to be over 500,000
tons, and considerable length of time required to effect orderly
evacuation of equipment, indicate necessity for more expedi-
tious action in evacuating equipment from Vietnam.

In view foregoing, consider it essential French
expedite return to US control of long supply items. Also
consider if essential plans be developed forthwith for re-
duction MDAP equipment in Vietnam to minimum required for
support Associated States forces and FEC. Do not understand
why substantial start in planning and removal cannot be made
before final inventory information is consolidated and approved.

In reviewing this matter consideration should be
given to possibility shipping MDAP equipment directly from
Haiphong to US controlled locations in Far East.

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Request your comments soonest in order that necessary additional shipping requirements can be made as well as arrangements for storage and rehabilitation of equipment in Far East area.

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