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Reference is made to letters to Mr. L. E. Edmond, Department of State, from the Australian Embassy, Washington, D.C. dated December 8 and 14, 1954 regarding commodity assistance available to Vietnam as pointed out in TOUSFO 1216. Vietnam can immediately use any assistance that might be offered by the Australian government with special emphasis on earthmoving equipment, road machinery and forestry tools.

The equipment offered by the Australian government and in part under order by the Vietnamese would not conflict with any of the activities undertaken by USOM, Vietnam.

It would be considered beneficial if either the Australian Legation, Saigon, or a special Australian representative would discuss in detail in Saigon with the competent Vietnamese authorities and American agencies, the possibility in the future of furnishing equipment to project activities now under consideration. USOM officials have from time to time supplied information on request to the Australian Legation and would welcome this closer cooperation.

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