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STATEMENT TO THE PRESS

First Day Sessions, Manila Summit Conference  
by Secretary Jose D. Aspiras

It has been decided that a formal communiqué will be issued tomorrow afternoon (25 October 1966) which will embody, among others a resumé of the proceedings in today's opening of the Summit Conference.

It has also been decided that the Press Secretaries of the participating nations will brief their respective press delegations on the formal communiqué.

For my part, I have a brief statement to make, as follows:

The Heads of State and Heads of Government of Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, the United States of America and the Philippines opened their first closed door session at Malacañang Palace today following the opening ceremonies of the Manila Summit Conference held at the House of Representatives, Congress of the Philippines.

President Ferdinand E. Marcos opened the closed door sessions at 10:45 a.m.

The delegation of the Republic of Vietnam presented the situation in Vietnam with a report by Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky.

In the afternoon, the attending heads of state and heads of government made oral statements on behalf of their delegations.

President Marcos suspended the session at 5:45 p.m.

The closed door sessions will be resumed at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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