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FROM VOA BROADCAST AUGUST 26 - 8:00 a.m.

Headlines:

- Officials in Washington say military leaders in the Republic of Vietnam are not repeat not responsible for the attack against the Buddhists.

- UN Secretary General U Thant says the limited nuclear test ban treaty and the UN efforts have brightened the outlook for peace.

- Malaya's Prime Minister says Malaysia will be formed even if Indonesia and the Philippines do not accept findings of the UN survey group.

News in Detail:

- Officials in Washington say Army leaders in the Republic of Vietnam are not responsible for last week's raids on Buddhist pagodas and the mass arrests of monks and students in the Republic. The officials say the attacks were carried out by the secret police and special forces headed by President Ngo Dinh Diem's brother Ngo Dinh Nhu. They say final intelligence reports give conclusive proof that the top Vietnamese military leaders agreed to the imposition of martial law in the hope it would stabilize the situation in Vietnam. The officials say that the Republic's military was not advised of secret police plans for the attacks on the Buddhists. They say the attacks were carried out by Nhu's police and special forces, some disguised as Army troops, and some wearing the uniforms of the Republican Youth Corps. The officials in Washington indicated there may be a sharp reduction in the U.S. aid program for the Republic of Vietnam unless President Diem gets rid of secret police officials responsible for the attack against the Buddhists. The new U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam, Henry Cabot Lodge, is scheduled to present his credentials to the Saigon government and see President Diem today. Mr. Lodge told newsmen in Saigon he is carrying a personal message from President Kennedy to the Vietnamese President. The Ambassador is understood to be under instructions to make it clear to President Diem that the U.S. knows who is responsible for the attacks on the Buddhists.

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FROM VOA BROADCAST (Cont'd)

- United Nations Secretary General U Thant said in New York, the limited nuclear test ban treaty and UN efforts in Cuba, West Irian, and Malaysia, have brightened the outlook for peace. The Secretary General made the statement in his annual review of UN work, in which he touched on the organization's activities in the political, economic, and social fields. U Thant said the test ban treaty and the direct communications link between Washington and Moscow are developments of major significance. He urged that all nations sign the nuclear pact. On West Irian, U Thant said the agreement between the Netherlands and Indonesia was the first time that the UN had been called upon to exercise its authority over a large territory. He said the transfer of authority to Indonesia was carried out on schedule. And he said the UN stands ready to assist Indonesia in implementing the rest of the August 1962 agreement to conduct a plebiscite in the territory by the end of 1969.

- Prime Minister Tengku Abdul Rahman said in Kuala Lumpur that Malaysia will be formed, whether or not Indonesia and the Philippines accept the findings of the UN survey mission. The Prime Minister said he hoped the two countries will respect the agreement reached in Manila between him, President Sukarno of Indonesia, and Philippine President Macapagal. He said Malaya is prepared to assist Indonesia in any way possible, particularly in helping solve Indonesian economic problems. The Tengku also said he hopes more countries will join the cultural, economic association of South East Asia which is made up of Malaya, Thailand, and the Philippines.

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