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Vietnamization marked the first implementation of the Nixon Doctrine. In its military aspects, Vietnamization is moving forward ahead of schedule in all respects. As a consequence of this progress with our Vietnamization program, we will meet or beat the 284,000 authorized strength target set by our Commander-in-Chief for May 1, and it will be possible for the President to announce in April further troop withdrawals.