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It was the  
unanimous conclusion of the Commander in Chief, the Secretary of State,  
and myself that we should use whatever air power is necessary to  
assist the South Vietnamese in their ground operations against  
sanctuary areas in both Cambodia and Laos, while at the same time  
precluding the use of American ground combat troops or advisors in  
these operations.