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1. DURING CALLS YESTERDAY ON PRESIDENT THIEU AND PRIME MINISTER KHIEM BY AMBASSADOR AND GENERAL WEYAND, IT WAS CLEARLY INDICATED A STATEMENT HERE, IN ADDITION TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL WEYAND TRIP IN WASHINGTON, WOULD BE HELPFUL. ACCORDINGLY, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS RELEASED THIS MORNING BY U.S. MISSION SPOKESMAN.

" GENERAL FRED C. WEYAND, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE U.S. ARMY, ARRIVED IN SAIGON YESTERDAY AT THE DIRECTION OF PRESIDENT FORD. HE IS HERE TO DETERMINE HOW THE UNITED STATES CAN BEST ASSIST THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE.

IN CALLS YESTERDAY ON PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU AND PRIME MINISTER TRAN THIEN KHIEM, AMBASSADOR MARTIN AND GENERAL WEYAND CONVEYED THE ASSURANCES OF PRESIDENT FORD'S STRONG SUPPORT IN THE DETERMINED RESISTANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM TO THE MASSIVE INVASION BY A NORTH VIETNAMESE EXPEDITIONARY CORPS IN FLAGRANT AND CYNICAL DISREGARD OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS.

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GENERAL WEYAND, ON HIS RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES, WILL MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESIDENT FORD REGARDING U.S. ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. IN THE MEANTIME, SOME URGENTLY NEEDED MILITARY AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARE BEING RUSHED TO SOUTH VIETNAM BY AIRLIFT."

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