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DEPARTURE STATEMENT
BY U. S. ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL WEYAND
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I want to take this opportunity to (indistinct) more to the people of South Vietnam and to express to them the strong personal support of President Ford, the President of the United States, and his personal determination to assist South Vietnam in defeating this massive invasion from the North. The North Vietnamese army has caused great suffering and sacrifice among millions of Vietnamese in recent weeks. They can be defeated. The armed forces of South Vietnam are still strong, they have the spirit and the capability to defeat the North Vietnamese army. These soldiers have fought with great courage and with great skill for many years in protecting this country, and they deserve our support and our confidence. The North Vietnamese are attempting to destroy our morale and our confidence. We ourselves must have faith in our strength and we must keep our determination to remain free and independent. I believe that if we support the people of South Vietnam in the way that they deserve, that no enemy can ever defeat them.

I leave here for the moment with great affection and respect for the people of South Vietnam, and I assure them that I will do all in my power to be of assistance to them.

Thank you.

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