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NOTE TO EDITORS: General Paul D. Harkins, Chief of the newly created U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, will arrive in Saigon by air on Tuesday, February 13, at 1645. You are invited to send your representatives to Tan Son Nhut airport at the VIP lounge to cover the General's arrival.

## BIOGRAPHY OF GENERAL PAUL D. HARKINS, U.S.A.

General Paul D. Harkins, whose major specialty during his 30 years service as a United States Army officer has been in the area of plans and operations, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on 15 May 1904. He served three years in the National Guard prior to entering the U.S. Military Academy in 1925, from which he graduated in 1929. In World War II, he participated in the American invasion of North Africa, the Sicily campaign, and for the last year and a half of World War II in operations in Europe as Deputy Chief of Staff of the Third U.S. Army commanded by the late General George S. Patton, Jr. During the Korean War, he served as Chief of Staff of the 8th U.S. Army and commanding general of the 45th and 24th Infantry Divisions.

Following the Korean War in 1954, he served as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, for international affairs, for the Department of the Army. In 1955, he was appointed as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, in the Department of the Army. In 1951, following a Department of Army general staff reorganization, he was appointed Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for military operations. He completed his tour of duty in Washington early in 1957, when he became commanding general of NATO's allied land forces, Southeast Europe. He remained in this assignment until September 1960, when he was appointed as Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, Pacific, where he remained until this time.

For his World War II achievements, General Harkins was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal with an Oak Cluster. He was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal for his accomplishments during the Korean War.

General Harkins participated in eight major campaigns during World War II and two major campaigns during the Korean War.

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EVENING: EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR 1700-2300  
15335 KCS; 19-METER BAND

Personal Data:

Date and place of birth: 15 May 1904.

Boston, Massachusetts.

Parents: Father: E. F. Harkins; Mother: Deceased.

Marriage: Date: 7 June 1953.

Wife: Elizabeth Conner, Wing, Nebraska.

Children: Daughter: Virginia.

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