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Subject: Message to French Prime Minister
Tracing New U.S. Policy of Direct
Aid to Cambodia, Laos and Viet Nam

The enclosed telegram embodies a policy message from me to Mendes-France along the lines which I discussed with you yesterday. It indicates that it will be future United States policy to give direct assistance to the states of Indochina in maintaining their political and territorial integrity against further Communist aggression. The essence of the new policy is that we desire the states of Indochina to be completely independent, that they establish strong and stable governments and that, to assure the latter end, the United States will henceforth channel the bulk of its aid, both economic and military, directly to the three states of Cambodia, Laos and Viet Nam.

John Foster Dulles

Enclosure:
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