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47. U.S. expresses concern over "French colonial tendency picture U.S. as aggressive and imperialistic" and indicates closeness of this unwitting French colonial view to Communist Party line. Clayton (Acting SecState) 240 to Saigon, 4 September 1946.....

8516.00/S-2946: Telegram

The Acting Secretary of State to the Consul at Saigon (Reed)

WASHINGTON, September 4, 1946—5 p. m.

240. Action irtel 354 Aug 26 commended.⁵⁵ Lose no opportunity

⁵⁵ Not printed.

counteract with persons responsible press orientation, and in manner you deem most effective, French colonial tendency picture US as aggressive and imperialistic. This brings certain French colonials, unwittingly for most part, very close to Communist Party line.

With his knowledge US Clarac (reurtel 357 Aug 29) should know better than encourage anti-American suspicions this juncture Franco-American relations, and Dent believes he can be persuaded take and foster attitude required by logic events.

CLAYTON