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REFERENCE MUN 31 OF 7 JUNE, NYC 23 OF 6 JUNE AND EARLIER MESSAGES ON DRAFT DGS POINT ON QUIET WAR IN VIETNAM. IN STATEMENT TO MEMBERS OF STAE LEGISLATURES YESTERDAY PRESIDENT JOHNSON REFERRED TO "OTHER WAR" IN VIETNAM AS "EQUAL IN IMPORTANCE TO THE MAGNIFICENT EFFORT OF OUR MILITARY MEN". AMBASSADOR PORTER, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE AMERICAN SIDE OF THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM, ALSO ADDRESSED THE GROUP. NYT AND WASHINGTON POST PROVIDE SOME COVERAGE OF THESE STATEMENTS. ACCORDING TO POST, BOTH PORTER AND JOHNSON COMPLAINED THAT THE PRESS HAD NEGLECTED TO REPORT FULLY ON THESE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE WELFARE OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. HILL WILL ATTEMPT TO DO STORY EXPANDING ON JOHNSON AND PORTER STATEMENTS.

WOULD YOU AGREE THAT THIS NEW MATERIAL SHOULD BE USED AS PEG FOR ISSUANCE OF DRAFT DGS POINT SUBMITTED ON 26 MAY? IT SEEMS POINTLESS TO AWAIT A LULL I POLITICAL UNREST IN SOUTH VIETNAM, WHICH WE AGREE IS UNLIKELY TO OCCUR IN NEAR FUTURE. IF YOU APPROVE, I WILL REDRAFT POINT FOR POSSIBLE ISSUANCE NEXT WEEK.
REGARDS

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