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THUAN INFORMED ME TODAY THAT FOLLOWING CONVERSATION REPORTED BEFTEL HE HAD ASKED DIEM DIRECTLY WHETHER HE PLANNED SPEECH ON BUDDHIST PROBLEM. DIEM SAID HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT. THUAN SAID HE CONCLUDED THAT LUONG IN TALKING TO CAS OFFICER (EMBTEL 41) MUST HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO PASSAGE ON PROBLEM CONTAINED DOUBLE SEVEN SPEECH (EMBTEL 49). THUAN AGREED WITH ME THAT LATTER NOT REPEAT NOT HELPFUL.

THUAN ALSO INDICATED THAT HE HAD HAD NO SUCCESS IN GETTING GVN ORDERS TO PROVINCES PUBLISHED AND GAVE EVERY EVIDENCE OF HAVING RUN OUT OF STEAM ON BUDDHIST PROBLEM.

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I TOLD THUAN I WAS MOST DISCOURAGED OVER SITUATION AND PARTICULARLY BACK OF GVN ACTIONS. I ALSO FOUND OFFENSIVE CONTINUING ARTICLES IN TIMES OF VIETNAM SEEKING LINK US WITH 1960 COUP AND TAUNT BUDDHISTS.

I SPENT ALL DAY YESTERDAY ACCOMPANYING AMBASSADOR BOWLES ON VISITS TO DIEM, THO, THUAN AND MAU. BUDDHIST PROBLEM NOT MENTIONED DIRECTLY BY DIEM IN SESSION WHICH LASTED NEARLY FOUR HOURS NOR WAS IT REFERRED TO IN OTHER TALKS EXCEPT WHEN BOWLES

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EMBTEL 57.

CAS OFFICER DISCUSSED WITH WHICH TAM CHAU LETTER TRANSMITTED REFTEL. CHAU SAID HE UNDERSTOOD US POSITION AND HAD NO RPT NO INTENTION PUBLISHING LETTER. HE ASKED LETTER BE RETURNED, WHICH WE WILL DO FORTHWITH.

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TRUEHEART

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