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TO: PRIORITY SAIGON, PHNOM PENH.Y

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REF: SAIGON | IN (BEING RELAYED PHNOM PENH) Y

1. MR. PAUL VELTE, AIR AMERICA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, HAS JUST RETURNED FROM VIETNAM AND REPORTED ON HIS PERCEPTIONS OF REF PROBLEM, INDICATING THAT WHILE SOME DIFFICULTIES MAY DEVELOP HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT BOTH AIR AND GROUND PERSONNEL WOULD REMAIN IN PLACE THROUGH LIFE OF CONTRACT TO ENSURE SATISFACTORY SERVICE. IT IS OBVIOUS, HOWEVER, THAT THE NEW SITUATION IN VIETNAM HAS OVERTAKEN HIS INFORMATION. WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILS OF PROBLEM AND FIELD SUGGESTIONS ON HOW SITUATION MIGHT BE TEMPORARILY AMELIORATED. Y

2. PLEASE KEEP PHNOM PENH INFORMED ON SCOPE OF THIS PROBLEM SINCE THEY ARE COUNTING ON AIR AMERICA TO PROVIDE TIMELY EVACUATION OF STATION PERSONNEL/ASSETS. Y

3. IN REGARD TO FOLLOW-ON CONTRACT, IT APPEARS THAT DECISION HAS FINALLY BEEN MADE AT STATE TO GO WITH PRIMARY CONTRACT WITH AIR VIETNAM (CASU AS SUBCONTRACTOR) WITH PAYMENT TO AIR VIETNAM TO

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BE IN LOCAL CURRENCY. CONTRACT WOULD COVER BOTH SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. HQS CURRENTLY COORDINATING ON STATE/AID CABLE ADVISING BOTH SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH OF THIS DECISION AND PLANS OF USAID/WASHINGTON CONTRACTING OFFICER MR.  TO LEAVE FOR SAIGON EARLY NEXT WEEK. FYI: WE HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY ADVISED THAT CASI WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH AIR VIETNAM TO REPATRIATE DOLLARS FOR THEIR SUBCONTRACT SERVICES. 4

4. TRUST ABOVE DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED IN TIME TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE AIR SERVICES WILL CONTINUE AND THAT AIR/GROUND PERSONNEL MAY HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR ONGOING JOBS.

\*REPORT THAT SAIGON EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES IN MAINTAINING LEVEL OF AIR OPS.

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