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Memorandum from the Embassy of the
U.S. of America in Argentina.

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MEMORANDUM

The Embassy of the United States of America informs the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Argentine Republic that in the face of the increased Communist threat, the Laos Government has urgently asked the Government of the United States to grant it additional aid in order to enable the Army to be increased from 25,000 to 29,000 and village militia to be increased from 16,000 to 20,000. In the light of the present situation in Laos, and the difficulty of maintaining security in a country of 90,000 square miles of rugged terrain with poor communications, the United States has acceded to this request. At the same time, the United States wishes to emphasize that it does not consider that a long-run solution can be reached through the use of armed force alone and it will continue to give its support to efforts to achieve a solution through peaceful means.

Embassy of the United States of America,

Buenos Aires, August 25, 1959.

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