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SPEECH BY SECRETARY WILSON

FCU WILSON

CU WILSON SPEAKS:

"THE WAR IN INDO-CHINA IS GOING ALONG AS WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED AT THIS STAGE.

I THINK A MILITARY BY THE FRENCH AND THE VIETNAMESE IS BOTH POSSIBLE AND PROBABLE.

IF COMMUNIST CHINA MOVES IN, SUCCESS WOULD BE DELAYED."

FCU SPEAKS:

"THE EQUIPMENT WHICH WE HAVE SENT TO INDO-CHINA IS HIGHLY TECHNICAL, SO WE ARE SENDING TECHNICIANS AS A TEMPORARY TRAINING FORCE.

WE ARE SENDING PLANES, BUT NO PILOTS.

WE ARE NOT SENDING COMBAT TROOPS."

SCU SPEAKS:

THE OUTCOME OF THE WAR IN INDO-CHINA IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO THE FREE WORLD.

BUT I SEE NO REASON TO THINK INDO-CHINA WILL BE ANOTHER KOREA."