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1. I WAS TOLD YESTERDAY INDIRECTLY, BUT THROUGH A PROBABLY RELIABLE SOURCE, THAT SENATOR CHARLES PERCY, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, WHO IS IN BANGKOK AS US REPRESENTATIVE AT THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, HAD SAID PRIVATELY THAT HE WAS VERY DISSATISFIED WITH THE TONE OF THE US GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE ISLANDS SITUATION. HE CONSIDERED THESE STATEMENTS MUCH TOO EVEN-HANDED AND THOUGHT THAT THE US GOVERNMENT SHOULD COME OUT MORE STRONGLY IN FAVOUR OF THE BRITISH CASE. HE WAS CONSIDERING SPEAKING TO HAIG TO URGE ACTION IN THIS SENSE AND, IF HE GOT NOWHERE, TO ISSUE SUCH A STATEMENT ON HIS OWN ACCOUNT.
2. I REPORT THIS FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH. MY INFORMANT POINTED OUT THE OBVIOUS FACT THAT NO PUBLIC USE COULD BE MADE OF THIS INFORMATION, AND THAT IT WOULD SIMPLY BE A QUESTION OF WAITING TO SEE WHETHER PERCY MADE SUCH A STATEMENT.

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