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COMMENTS

7. The sharp drop in estimated MAP expenditures for Vietnam for FY 1958, as compared with FY 1957, reflect a drop in the program (\$38.9 million for FY 1958, compared to \$74.2 million for FY 1957) and a levelling off of the pipeline.

8. Burmese representatives are expected to arrive in Washington on approximately 8 December to negotiate the details of the first military assistance program for Burma. The U.S. team of police experts is now conducting its survey in Burma.

9. Since approval of the report, the Pathet Lao symbolically surrendered authority over the two Northern provinces under its control and a coalition cabinet including two Pathet Lao representatives was formed. The actual imposition of government control over the northern provinces and the integration of 1500 Pathet Lao troops into the army, as agreed, are still uncertain of achievement.

10. The paper is considered to be generally acceptable.

RECOMMENDATION

11. It is recommended that you note the report without exception.

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