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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. WE MUST CONTINUE URGE EFFECTIVE INTEGRATED PROGRAMS SOONEST IN POLITICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC INCLUDING NEEDED FISCAL REFORMS, AND MILITARY FIELDS. SINCE DIEM AND OTHERS ASSURE US THEY WORKING ON REFORMS WE SHOULD NOT AT MOMENT PRESS TOO HARD.
2. WE SHOULD CONTINUE URGE OTHER FOREIGNERS, PARTICULARLY ASIANS, TO URGE DIEM TAKE ABOVE STEPS.
3. WE SHOULD CONTINUE URGE DIEM, NGU AND OTHERS TO CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDE REGARDING FOREIGN AS WELL AS LOCAL PRESS AND TAKE EFFECTIVE STEPS TO HAVE BETTER PUBLIC RELATIONS INTERNALLY AS WELL AS ABROAD AND IMPLEMENT AND EFFECTIVE COUNTRY-WIDE PSYWAR PROGRAM.
4. IF NECESSARY, DO ALL WE POSSIBLE CAN TO PREVENT HOTHEADS FROM TRYING GAIN UPPER HAND AND GOING IN FOR VENGEANCE AGAINST REBELS AND ADOPTING ULTRA-NATIONALISTIC ATTITUDE.
5. TAKE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES URGE DIEM AND OTHERS ADOPT AT LEAST MOST IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN MY DEMARCHE TO HIM OCT. 14TH.

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