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**Two U.S. Subs for
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IN A MOVE that could upset the delicate diplomacy between Washington and Peking, the United States is delivering two submarines to Communist China's arch enemy, Chiang Kai-shek.

The transfer was approved by the President's National Security Adviser, Henry Kissinger, in a secret order dated October 16.

White House sources stress that the subs had been promised to Chiang several months ago and that the delivery violates no agreement with Peking. "We have been meticulous about keeping our agreements with the People's Republic of China," a top policymaker told us.

Kissinger also placed strict conditions on Chiang's use of the subs. The order to Defense Secretary Mel Laird emphasized:

"With reference to your memorandum of September 13, 1972, regarding provision of two diesel-powered submarines to the Republic of China (Taiwan), the transfer is approved subject to the following conditions:

"—That the first ROC submarine crew's underway training not begin until late November.

"—That we obtain from the ROC, as a condition of the transfer of the two submarines, a formal written understanding that the submarines are to be used exclusively for anti-submarine warfare training.

"—That whatever press guidance covering both the beginning of underway training and the formal transfers of the

two submarines be cleared with the White House."

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A JUNKETING Jesuit, who was sent to Vietnam by the White House at the taxpayers' expense, came back loaded with political ammunition.

The outspoken priest, the Rev. John McLaughlin, is now making campaign speeches for President Nixon on the Vietnam issue. As evidence that the good father's Vietnam lectures are strictly political, all his travel expenses are picked up by the Committee to Re-elect the President.

Father McLaughlin's speeches are so militant that he sometimes seems to contradict the official White House line. He appears to disagree with White House negotiator Henry Kissinger on the prospects for a Communist takeover, which Father McLaughlin warns will mean a "bloodbath" with up to one million victims in South Vietnam.

In contrast with Kissinger's moderate tone toward North Vietnam, the bluff, bearish priest cries out that North Vietnam is "the most aggressive, brutalizing and austere government on earth." He also extols the bombing of the north.

We reached Father McLaughlin at the White House. He explained that the National Security Council had wanted him to look at the war "from a humanitarian perspective." He saw nothing wrong with using the information he gathered on his trip for political purposes.