

Laird Hints Stronger Action to Halt Arms to the North

'Necessary' Steps Will Be Taken

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Washington - The United States will take whatever steps it considers necessary to cut off arms shipments to North Vietnam that the enemy has used for "marauding throughout Southeast Asia," Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird said yesterday.

He refused to foreclose such possible steps as attacks on ships remaining in Haiphong harbor or on cargo planes attempting to fly supplies into North Vietnam.