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For the Record:

'Vietnamization . . . Has Been Completed'

From Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird's "Final Report to the Congress," released by the House Armed Forces Committee, Jan. 8.

... have called in three ...
to get assurance ...
would not ...
criticism ...
of North ...
which ...
never ...
to ...

... from a military ... want this
Vietnamization program ... not be
completed. Some American ...
personnel remain in Vietnam ...
with the Commander-in-Chief ...
that all our forces will not ...
drawn until all prisoners have been
released and our missing-in-action
accounted for.

But, Mr. Chairman, I want this
Committee to understand that the con-
tinuing United States military presence
in South Vietnam is not being main-
tained because of a lack of capability
on the part of the South Vietnamese.

Vietnamization has changed the
circumstances we found four years ago.
It has enabled us to bring our military
forces out of Vietnam, while leaving
the South Vietnamese with the cap-
ability for their in-country security.
This is the most any ally could reason-
ably expect, for no nation can provide
to another the will and determination
to survive.