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WASHINGTON INSERT NL U.S.-VIET NAM ROUNDUP A41-43, A86-87WX
AFTER 31ST GRAF (10TH GRAF OF A86WX FIRST ADD): "I HAPPEN TO
THINK X X X AMERICAN BOYS . . ."

THE STATE DEPARTMENT DECLINED COMMENT ON MORSE'S REPORT. OFFI-
CIALS RECALLED PRIVATELY THAT AT THE TIME OF WHICH MORSE SPOKE
THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OF NGO DINH DIEM HAD JUST BEEN
OVERTHROWN BY ARMED FORCES LEADERS. VIETNAMESE DEVELOPMENTS,
THEREFORE, WERE IN A STATE OF CHANGE AND TENSION AND WERE UNDER
CLOSE STUDY IN WASHINGTON.

PRIVATELY, OFFICIALS SAID THEY COULD NOT RECALL ANY SPECIAL
REVIEW OF THE U.S. POSITION IN VIET NAM AT THAT TIME, BUT DID
NOT DISPUTE MORSE'S REPORT THAT KENNEDY HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE
HAD SUCH A REVIEW IN MIND.

MORSE DID NOT 32ND GRAF

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