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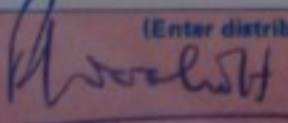
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United States Ambassador Newsom told me this morning that <sup>HE NOW BELIEVED</sup> Dunn's activities and his testimony could have a "very ~~very~~ serious impact" on America's relations with Indonesia. He said that in his view the hearing <sup>COULD</sup> ~~might~~ lead to "the killing of the American Defence Assistance Program" given the present tendency in the United States of linking ~~aid~~ <sup>these</sup> programs with human rights issues. Newsom added that he trusted the "full seriousness of this is appreciated in Canberra".

2. Newsom added that he realised the political problems faced by both the Australian and American Governments in dealing with the <sup>DUNN</sup> situation but said that anything the Australian Government could do to put the Dunn allegations in proper perspective in advance of the hearing would be

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useful.

3. Newsom was obviously ~~now~~ much more concerned than he was when I last spoke to him about this matter. <sup>(O.JA 11797 refer)</sup> I am uncertain as to what extent he was reflecting his own views as distinct from those of his Administration but he was quite agitated and now sees the Dunn mission as having potentially very serious implications for both ~~the~~ United States and Australian relations with Indonesia.

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