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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, today released the text of a message received from Prince Souvanna Phouma, who is to head the new Laotian Government of national union. This communication is in reply to a congratulatory message sent by Mr. Green on June 14, after learning that agreement had been reached in principle on the formation of a coalition government in Laos.

Prince Souvanna Phouma's message is as follows:

"I am deeply moved by the message of congratulations which Your Excellency has been kind enough to send me on the occasion of the formation of the government of national union, and I thank you very much for it. If agreement has been reached on June 12, 1962, it is in large measure thanks to the efforts of your representative on the International Supervisory Commission in Laos and to those of your Government. I am sure I can count on the help of your Government in the carrying out of the future Geneva Accords which should soon be endorsed by the unified delegation from Laos. Highest consideration. Prince Souvanna Phouma, Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Laos."