

STATUS REPORT
OF THE
TASK FORCE SOUTHEAST ASIA

COVERT ANNEX - VIETNAM
(22 August-4 September)

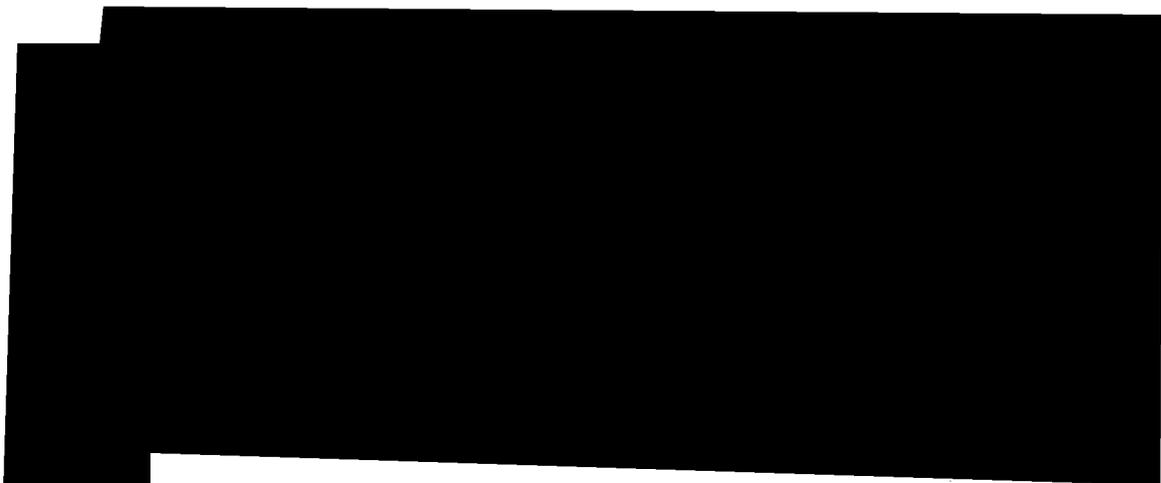
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III. SOUTH VIETNAM

A. Unconventional Activities

1. Buon Enao:

As of 31 August, villagers trained 5,185; villages trained, 130; 7,005 weapons issued, 88 villages have trained medical workers; total of 117 medics trained, 22 in training. Strike force strength 965. At four sub-bases of Buon Enao, an additional 2,015 villagers are trained, approximately 500 more in training.

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2. Binh Hung:

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Civil Guard control team now at Binh Hung. Five C-46 airdrops made. Total armed personnel at Binh Hung, 1,516.

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3. Fighter Worker Force, Phuoc Tuy Province:

As of 28 August, 100 Springfield rifles, 4 caliber 30 LMGS, four 60mm mortars, and ammunition for all weapons delivered. Weapons will be used for training and operations.

4. On 30 August, President Diem reviewed CIDG programs, indicated satisfaction with progress to date, and gave instructions that in future he will personally approve each new CIDG camp. President also instructed that in future province chiefs or their representatives to be responsible for actual payment of CIDG trainees and strike force. President ordered contracts for construction new camps to be subject joint approval province chiefs, presidential survey office and U.S. representatives. It also was decided to place representatives appropriate divisional commanders in CIDG camps. Ngo Dinh Nhu, in letter to Ambassador 30 August, stated Buon Enao is "realization of an idea which has always been dear to me."

B. Covert Activities

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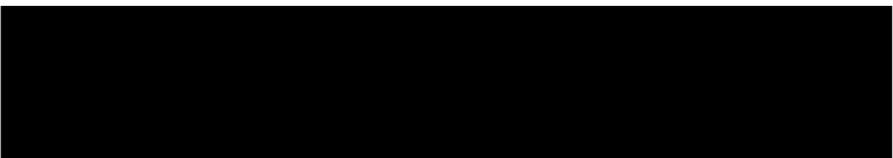
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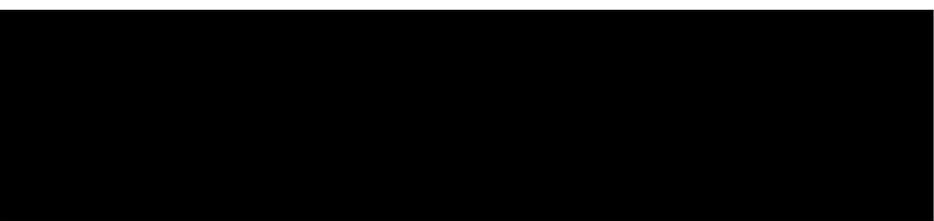
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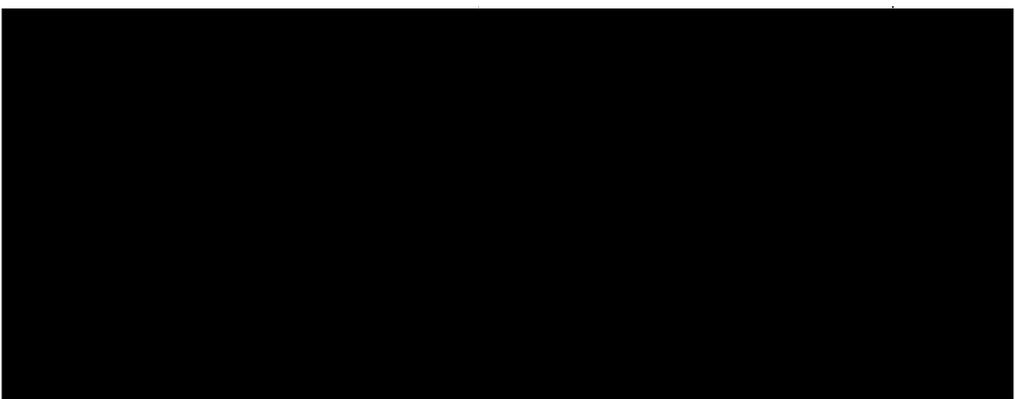
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