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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM.

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT COMMENTS OF [REDACTED] THE DESIRABILITY, PROBLEMS AND CONSEQUENCES OF A COUP D'ETAT

DATE DISTR. 28 JANUARY 1962

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PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

DATE OF INFO. [REDACTED]

~~SHIRLEY BLUNDY~~

REFERENCES

**RETAIN OR DESTROY** IN 18750

PLACE & DATE ACQ. VIETNAM, SAIGON [REDACTED]

TAYLOR

KAYSEN

LK

JOHNSON

FIELD REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

APPRAISAL [REDACTED]

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1.

[REDACTED] CERTAIN GENERAL OFFICERS HAVE CONSULTED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ATTEMPTING A COUP D'ETAT. (FIELD COMMENT.)

[REDACTED] SUCH A COUP WOULD BE TO PREVENT THE COUNTRY FROM FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS (VC).

2.

[REDACTED] AGREEMENT WITH THESE GENERALS IN PRINCIPLE ON THE NECESSITY FOR A COUP D'ETAT, BUT WAS WORRIED BOTH ABOUT THE METHOD TO BE EMPLOYED AND THE CONSEQUENCES.

[REDACTED] CERTAIN POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS WISHED TO MOUNT

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A COUP WITH THE SUPPORT OF MILITARY ELEMENTS. HOWEVER, THESE GROUPS WERE TOO DIVIDED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. [REDACTED] THE ONLY SUCCESSFUL COUP WOULD BE ONE MOUNTED BY THE ARMY ITSELF.

[REDACTED]

3. SPEAKING IN GENERAL TERMS, [REDACTED] SETTING UP SUCH A COUP TWO THINGS WERE IMPORTANT: TO AVOID BLOODSHED, AND TO ORGANIZE AS SMALL A FORCE AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER NOT TO ALLOW THE PLAN OF ACTION TO BE EXPLOITED BY THE VC. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE GENERAL OFFICERS DECLARE THE WHOLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM TO BE IN A STATE OF SEIGE. THE TROOPS WOULD THEN BE FORBIDDEN TO MOVE WITHOUT AN EXPRESS ORDER FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE AND ALL ROADS LEADING TO SAIGON WOULD BE GUARDED.

4. IN CASE THE COUP WERE SUCCESSFUL, A REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE OF THREE GENERAL OFFICERS WOULD DIRECT EVERYDAY GOVERNMENT BUSINESS WITH THE HELP OF TECHNICAL ADVISORS AND OF ALL THE SECRETARIES OF STATE, WHO WOULD HAVE REMAINED AT THEIR POSTS. DURING THIS PERIOD THE PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO CHOOSE THE HEAD OF THE STATE.

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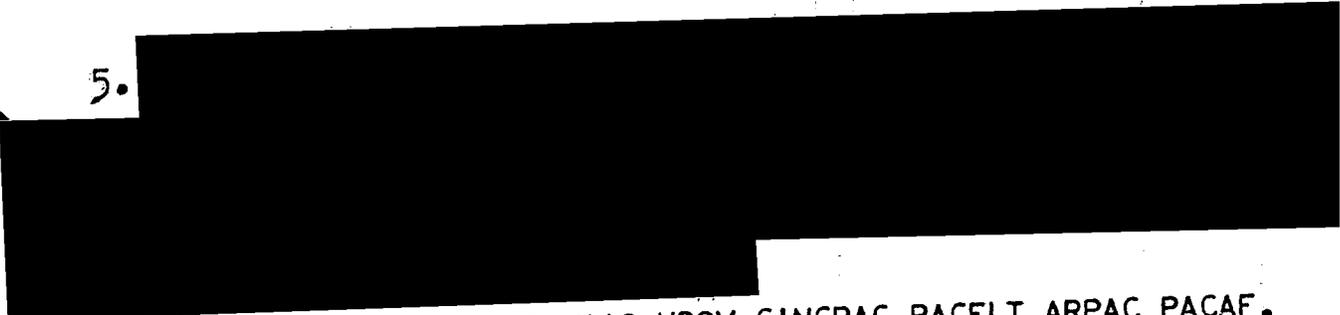
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