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1. PLANNED REMOVAL OF POLICE CHIEF LIEU
 2. SITUATION IN I CORPS
 3. DISSATISFACTION OF SOME OFFICERS WITH LACK OF FORCEFUL ACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT

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1. [REDACTED] COLONEL PHAM VAN LIEU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NATIONAL POLICE, WOULD BE REPLACED BY GENERAL LINH QUANG VIEN ON 12 APRIL. THE DECISION TO REPLACE LIEU WAS MADE BY PRIME MINISTER NGUYEN CAO KY ON 8 APRIL AND FULLY CONCURRED IN BY DIRECTORATE CHAIRMAN NGUYEN VAN THIEU AND JOINT GENERAL STAFF CHIEF CAO VAN VIEN. KY DECIDED TO REMOVE LIEU AFTER THE GOVERNMENT HAD OBTAINED A MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL VIETNAM ADDRESSED TO LIEU UNDER A PSEUDONYM. THE MESSAGE REQUESTED LIEU TO PROVIDE MORE MONEY FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIONS

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IN SAIGON. THE MESSAGE APPARENTLY ORIGINATED FROM SOME ONE CLOSE TO GENERAL NGUYEN CHANG THI.

2. [REDACTED] GENERAL TON THAT DINH, NEWLY-APPOINTED I CORPS COMMANDER, WAS CONFIDENT HE COULD RESTORE ORDER IN CENTRAL VIETNAM WITHOUT RESORT TO FORCE. [REDACTED] DINH MIGHT BE PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL FOR A TIME, BUT HIS POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF I CORPS WOULD NOT LAST.

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3. THE GROUP OF OFFICERS OPPOSED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S PRESENT POLICIES CONTINUES TO BE DISTURBED AT THE LACK OF FORCEFUL MEASURES IN I CORPS.

[REDACTED] COLONEL NGUYEN NGOC LOAN, CHIEF OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION AND THE MILITARY SECURITY SERVICE, IS SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP, WHICH NUMBERS MORE THAN 80 OFFICERS. SOME DIVISION COMMANDERS ARE INCLUDED, AS WELL AS OFFICERS FROM THE AIR FORCE, AIRBORNE, ARMOR, MARINES, AND RANGERS. THESE OFFICERS DESIRE A GENERAL HOUSECLEANING IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND PARTICULARLY THE REMOVAL OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NGUYEN HUU CO, IV CORPS COMMANDER DANG VAN QUANG, FORMER I CORPS COMMANDER NGUYEN VAN CHUAN, AND TWO OTHER GENERAL OFFICERS.

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