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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM
DOI 8 - 11 APRIL 1966
SUBJECT REMOVAL OF NATIONAL POLICE CHIEF LIEU, SITUATION
IN I CORPS, AND DISSATISFACTION OF SOME OFFICERS WITH
LACK OF FORCEFUL ACTION BY GOVERNMENT.
ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (11 APRIL 1966) FIELD NO. [REDACTED]
SOURCE [REDACTED]

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

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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. [REDACTED]

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]

[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. [REDACTED]

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