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STATUS REPORT
ON
COVERT ACTIONS IN VIETNAM
(Keyed to 28 November Report)

1. a. Montagnard (Highlander) Program:

A montagnard (highlander) communist deserter surrendered to pro-GVN highlanders at the training camp in Buon Enao village, Darlac Province. After interrogation the deserter was allowed to return to his parent unit, totaling 40 men, with a note which promised good treatment if the rest of the unit surrendered.

b. No significant change.

c. Para-Military/Intelligence Operations Against Viet Cong [redacted]

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d. Central Intelligence Organization (CIO):

A team of three CIO interrogators began the interrogation of several Vietnamese Communist (VC) defectors and cadre who had been captured in Vinh Binh Province, [redacted]

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- e. through i.: No significant change.
- 2. through 4.: No significant change.
- 5. Provincial Survey:

Seven additional joint surveys of provincial NPSS offices were completed, bringing the total surveyed to 19.

- 6. No significant change.
- 7. Other Activities:

Two hundred (200) civic action paramilitary trainees at the Danang camp underwent field exercises in the mountain area west and south of Danang.

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[REDACTED] had commented privately that most VNAF pilots had expected public animosity after the 27 February bombing attack on the palace and instead were surprised at the numerous comments regarding skill of the pilots. As a result, morale has gone up again but the officer feared many VNAF personnel were still hostile to the regime. (CS-3/507,039)

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[REDACTED] described three separate factions of senior civilian and military officials who, fearing a power vacuum in the event of President Diem's death, were determined to seize power in that event [REDACTED]

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