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Effective this date, the "Status Report on Covert Actions in Vietnam" has been redesignated "Covert Annex to Status Report of Task Force Vietnam." The new format is designed to group CIA activities in accordance with their geographical area of activity and, where possible, activities of a similar nature will be reported on together.

In addition, subsequent status reports will be accompanied by a summary of significant developments as follows:

Highlights (1-15 May)

1. 612 of the highlander refugees camped outside of the Buon Enao Camp located near Ban Me Thuot, capital of Darlac Province, have requested self-defense training (paragraph IA,1a).

2. The NPSS Route Police Unit initiated effective operations against VC harassment units, eliminating several (paragraph IA,2b).

3. The Vietnamese Army Psychological Warfare Directorate grey radio station--purporting to be located within North Vietnam--began broadcasting 12 May from the Quang Tri area (paragraph IIIC).

4. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (paragraph IIIA,1).

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COVERT ANNEX
TO
STATUS REPORT OF TASK FORCE VIETNAM
(1-15 May 1962)

I. SOUTH VIETNAM

A. Counterinsurgency Programs

1. Citizens Irregular Defense Groups (CIDG's)

a. 612 of the highlander refugees camped outside of the Buon Enao Camp have requested self-defense training. The large number of highlander refugees in this area is being fed and cared for on an emergency basis. Toward this end, 105 village medical assistants have been trained by American Special Forces corpsmen assigned to CAS Saigon and 32 more are currently in training. To date, a total of 1346 personnel have been trained, 1217 weapons issued and 45 hamlets organized and equipped for defense in the Buon Enao complex.

b. To date, 614 Catholic youth from various parish projects in the delta and southwest provinces have had defense training; 278 more currently in training. 49 weapons were issued to Father Du's hamlet program in Tay Ninh.

c. Supplementary training in weaponry was given at [REDACTED] Thu Duc Training Center 1-7 May to 180 civic action cadres who had just graduated from ARVN Quang Trung Basic Training Center.

d. 120 highlanders were recruited in Quang Tri Province to form a trail-watcher company there. 450 highlanders in Kontum were recruited to be used in a trail-watcher company and the intervention company for its backup support was trained. 40 highlander social action cadres who will be used as leader and intelligence cadres in highlander commando teams began training at [REDACTED] Da Nang Base.

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2. Joint Operations with GVN Intelligence and Security Services

a. Central Intelligence Organization (CIO):

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18 CIO and NPSS officers in an on-the-job interrogation training program have begun the processing of six selected VC prisoners [REDACTED]

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b. National Police and Security Service (NPSS):

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NPSS Route Police Unit, whose intelligence components were recently trained [REDACTED] began operations on major highways north of Saigon, encountering and eliminating several small VC harassment units.

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B. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] continued to report GVN reactions to the 20 April Vinh Lac raid. The Directorate General of Information was reported to have relayed on 27 April a Presidential order that local press criticism of Cambodia could be allowed. Ngo Dinh Nhu commented that the GVN intended to take a hard line toward Cambodia. Other reports concerned GVN discouragement of any further press comment linking Khmer Krom dissident Son Ngoc Thanh to the incident.

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Three other teams were dispatched to reconnoiter an area [redacted] No enemy contact was made, although traces and fire signs were reported on 12 May near the Laos-South Vietnam border.

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Another group of three teams was conducting reconnaissance and harassment operations [redacted]

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1. [redacted]

2. [redacted]

B. Paramilitary

No significant developments during the reporting period.

C. Psychological Warfare

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The grey radio station of the Vietnamese Army Psychological Warfare Directorate began broadcasting 12 May from the Quang Tri area. Purporting to be located within NVN and representing the National Liberation Front, its programs are [redacted] and beamed at an audience of North Vietnamese civilian and military officials and middle class urban residents who may possess radios.

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