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Highlights (16-27 May)

1. Citizens Irregular Defense Groups training has mushroomed with 1054 new students in various courses.

2. Twenty-two new highland commando teams (330 men) began training.

3. One hundred twenty of the Bru tribe began training as a trail-watching contingent.

4. The Viet Cong stepped up military activities attacking and capturing 34 men from a defended hamlet near Buon Enao, Darlac Province.

5. [REDACTED] officers completed surveying seven more provinces. CIO officers told [REDACTED] of a split between CIO Commissioner Nguyen Van Y and the Deputy Director of NPSS, Nguyen Van Hay.

6. Two sabotage and reconnaissance teams were dropped into NVN. Also 300,000 leaflets were dropped in NVN.

~~7. Confidential reports indicate a rift developing between CIO Commissioner Nguyen Van Y and his Deputy Director General at NPSS, Nguyen Van Hay.~~

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STATUS REPORT OF TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
(16-28 May 1962)

I. SOUTH VIETNAM

A. Counterinsurgency Programs

1. Citizens Irregular Defense Groups (CIDG's)

a. 406 trainees began a course at the new Citizens Irregular Defense Group training camp near Soc Trang 28 May 1962 under the direction of one CAS officer and a US Special Forces team. Installation of perimeter defenses and construction of a rifle range are in progress. The USMC Helicopter Squadron based at Soc Trang rendered excellent support in setting up the camp.

b. 330 Highland Commandos (22 teams) reported to the Danang Training Base (Tourane) for a six-week training cycle. The first contingent of 120 Bru Highlanders of a trail-watching company, from Quang Tri Province, began an eight-week course at Danang 25 May 1962.

c. During the period, Vietnamese Communists (VC) stepped up activities against defended hamlets south of Buon Enao near Ban Me Thuot. On 19 May 1962, 34 defenders of one hamlet with their weapons were captured by the VC. Faster communications and larger defense groups are needed to repel VC company-size attacks.

d. The layout and construction of a training camp in Brother Bosco's village in Phuoc Thien in the Phan Rang area was begun 23 May 1962. The training cadre, one half of one US Special Forces team, set up temporary quarters there on 24 May 1962.

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e. 60 Cao Dai youth at Tan Hoi Dong in Dinh Tuong Province were issued weapons on 17 May 1962. Two men from the 77th Group of Vietnamese Special Forces are carrying out a training program which includes an additional 300 Catholic youth volunteers. 60 Catholic youth in Long Phu in Chuong Thien Province and 40 at Dai Hai in Ba Xuyen Province received arms after training by the 77th Group.

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f. Father Hoa's Binh Hung special district [redacted] teams are conducting an eight-week basic course for 80 students, a six-week guerrilla staff course for 74 students, and a three-week heavy weapons course for 34 men.

2. Joint Operations with GVN Intelligence and Security Services

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a. Seven additional provincial surveys were completed [redacted] Vietnamese CIO officers during the reporting period.

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b. [redacted] gave indications of a widening rift between the Commissioner and his Deputy Director General at NPSS, Nguyen Van Hay, who has increasingly attempted to usurp control of NPSS.

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c. [redacted]

d. The second course in basic intelligence operations for the intelligence section of the Route Police and NPSS Commandos began 28 May 1962 with 31 students.

e. On 16 May 1962 the Army Psywar Directorate began distributing leaflets attributed to a socialistic organization whose purported objective was to urge working for the defeat of the VC before pressing for government reforms.

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B. Unilateral Operations

1. [REDACTED]

This was devoted primarily to a discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the Strategic Hamlet Program and the Delta Pacification Plan. Ngo Dinh Nhu's ideas on the need for fixed military posts to protect key points from the foothills to the delta areas also were discussed.

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2. [REDACTED]

The objective is to encourage other Asian countries to accept a greater responsibility in the counter-subversion effort.

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III. [REDACTED]

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