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Highlights (27 June - 10 July)

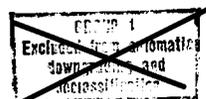
1. The Fighting Fathers program in the delta area of South Vietnam now includes 1831 persons trained and 1217 armed.

2. The Rhade program in the Buon Enao complex has now trained a total of 2308 villagers and 2968 weapons have been issued.

3. President Diem approved a reorganization of the police complex creating a Directorate General of Police.

4. All paramilitary activities [REDACTED] have been ordered stopped by President Diem pending the outcome of the 14-nation Geneva Conference.

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STATUS REPORT
OF THE
TASK FORCE SOUTHEAST ASIA

COVERT ANNEX - VIETNAM
(27 June - 10 July)

I. SOUTH VIETNAM

A. Counterinsurgency Programs

1. Citizens Irregular Defense Groups (CIDG's)

a. Fighting Fathers program in the delta area now includes 1831 persons trained and 1217 armed. This does not include Father Hoa's area. Key developments during the period are as follows:

(1) 32 Thompson submachine guns and grenades were delivered to Father Tung's parrish in Long Phu.

(2) 100 grenades and a flare pistol were delivered to Father Phuoc's parrish in Rach Trang.

(3) 15 new recruits and their families, eight tons of rice and eight tons of lumber were transported to Binh Hung for Father Hoa.

(4) In Kien Giang Province, a conference was held on 5 July to implement an extension of the Catholic Youth program in that province. 30 of the Catholic Youth were armed as a nucleus for future expansion.

b. In the Rhade Buon Enao complex there are now 2308 villagers trained, 2968 weapons issued, 83 villages organized and a strike force of 576 men trained and armed. The VC have raided two villages in the Buon Enao area and have captured small quantities of rice. The VC have also attempted to propagandize the Rhade villagers upon the return from their training program at Buon Enao. An ex-VC village was established six kilometers east of Buon Enao in which 38 re-educated ex-VC are building homes and planting crops.

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c. At the Thu Duc Training Camp a 40-man ranger and a 30-man combat police training course have commenced. Two 15-man montagnard commando teams began a seven week course on 2 July and an additional 133 trainees of the Clandestine Action Service, which falls under the Office of the Presidency, began a program of training.

d. At the Soc Trang Training Camp a class of 10 village medics completed training on 9 July. 28 VC suspects were arrested who admitted that they had been intimidated by the VC to obtain the order of battle of the Soc Trang camp and to steal ammunition. The VC have stepped up their propaganda in this area with the theme "You killed French. You can do same to Americans."

e. At the Song Mao Training Camp the third class of 216 villagers completed a three week course in village defense. They then received a 70 percent complement of weapons and returned to their villages for further on-the-job training. Three 11-man combat intelligence teams will begin a two week accelerated course on 25 July. Medical kits and modest funds for village first aid stations have been turned over to the village chiefs of Hoa Da and Phan Ly. This medical aid program will be integrated into the USOM village aid system on 1 August.

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2. [REDACTED] GVN Intelligence and Security Services

An encouraging step in the development of the Vietnamese Students' Organization took place in Quebec, Canada, in early July when the Cossec International Conference voted to grant full delegate status to the National Union of Students (NUS) of Vietnam.

B. Covert Intelligence

1. President Diem on 26 June approved the reorganization of the police complex by creating a Directorate General of Police. The National Police and Security Service (NPSS) was absorbed into the new directorate as was the Special Operations Corps (SOC) which was transferred from the Central Intelligence Organization (CIO). SOC now has a clear and exclusive charter for covert penetration of key VC apparatus.

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On 6 July President Diem ordered cessation of all
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of the 14-nation Geneva Conference in Laos.

III. NORTH VIETNAM

No report.

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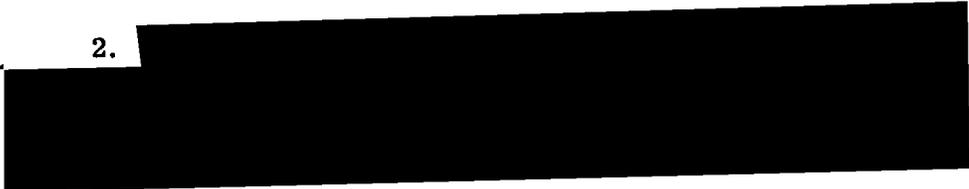
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COVERT ANNEX - THAILAND
(28 JUNE - 11 JULY)

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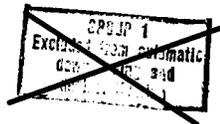
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**COVERT ANNEX - CAMBODIA
(28 JUNE - 11 JULY)**

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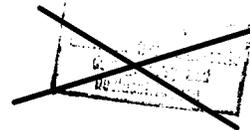
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(28 JUNE - 11 JULY)

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COVERT ANNEX-BURMA
(28 JUNE - 11 JULY)

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