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COUNTRY	SOUTH VIETNAM	REPORT NO.	[Redacted]
SUBJECT	POSSIBLE <u>COUP D'ETAT</u> ON 15 AUGUST 1963	DATE DISTR.	15 AUGUST 1963
PRECEDENCE	PRIORITY	REFERENCES	IN 00055 EO 12958 3.4(b)(1) (C)
DATE OF INFO.	[Redacted]	FIELD REPORT NO.	[Redacted]
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	[Redacted]		
APPRAISAL	SEE BELOW		

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SOURCE [Redacted]

APPRAISAL TUYEN'S GROUP HAS BEEN REPORTED TO HAVE PLANNED A COUP ON 7 AUGUST 1963. PLACE ON 8 OR 9 AUGUST 1963. A COUP WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE TAKEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT A COUP MIGHT OCCUR CANNOT BE ENTIRELY IGNORED, OF COURSE, BUT WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS PARTICULAR REPORT FROM OTHER SOURCES. THERE IS NO FOUNDATION FOR THE STATEMENT CONCERNING AMERICAN SUPPORT.

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1. ON THE AFTERNOON OF 15 AUGUST 1963 THE BROTHER OF NGUYEN

DUY BACH, CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU, PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY SERVICE, SAID THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE A COUP D'ETAT BY THE TRAN KIM TUYEN GROUP SOME TIME DURING THE NIGHT. THE CIVILIAN AND MILITARY TELEPHONES WILL BE CUT OFF AND A LIAISON NETWORK WAS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE TO HANDLE COMMUNICATIONS NEEDS. THE COUP HAS BEEN SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME BECAUSE AMERICANS IN TOUCH WITH THE GROUP HAVE INDICATED THAT UNLESS THE COUP WAS ATTEMPTED NOW AMERICAN SUPPORT COULD NOT BE GUARANTEED.

2. FIELD DISSEM. STATE (CHARGE D'AFFAIRS) USMACV (GENERAL

HARKINS), CINCPAC, ARPAC PACAF PACFLT. (END OF MESSAGE)

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