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1. SUMMARY. ON 2 AND 3 NOVEMBER 1963

SECURITY SERVICE (MSS) PROVIDED INFORMATION ON MILITARY PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS FOLLOWING THE SUCCESSFUL COUP D' ETAT AGAINST THE DIEM REGIME.

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2. [REDACTED] NOTED THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ON 2 NOVEMBER:

- A. LIEUTENANT COLONEL DO KHAC MAI, PROMOTED TO VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE (VNAF) COMMANDER.
- B. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER CHUNG TAN CANG, PROMOTED TO COMMANDER,

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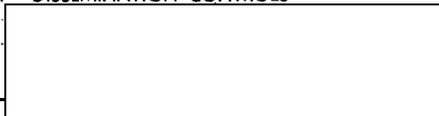
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VIETNAMESE NAVY.

C. MAJOR GENERAL TON THAT DINH, APPOINTED MILITARY GOVERNOR OF SAIGON.

D. MAJOR GENERAL TRAN THIEN KHIEM, CONFIRMED AS CHIEF OF STAFF, JOINT GENERAL STAFF.

E. LIEUTENANT COLONEL THAN DANG TAN, APPOINTED CHIEF OF POLICE, SAIGON. (FIELD COMMENT. THIS IS CONTRADICTED BY INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 3G BELOW.

F. TONG DINH BAC , APPOINTED CHIEF OF SPECIAL POLICE BRANCH.

G. TRAN VAN A , APPOINTED CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION OF DGNP.

H. BRIGADIER GENERAL MAI HUU XUAN, APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NATIONAL POLICE (DGNP).

I. BRIGADIER GENERAL TRAN TU OAI, IN CHARGE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE AND INFORMATION.

J. BRIGADIER GENERAL NGUYEN GIAC NGO, IN CHARGE OF BUDDHIST AFFAIRS.

K. BRIGADIER GENERAL LE VAN KIM, IN CHARGE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

L. ASSISTANTS TO KIM ARE BRIGADIER GENERAL PHAM XUAN CHIEU AND TRAN TU OAI, AND COLONEL DO MAU.

M. TRAN NGOC HUYEN, * GOVERNOR OF DALAT.

N. LIEUTENANT COLONEL NGUYEN CAO KY, PROMOTED TO COLONEL.

O. MAJOR TRUONG**NGOC LUN, PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

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P. COLONEL NGUYEN VAN THIEU, PROMOTED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL AND CONFIRMED IN COMMAND OF 5TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

Q. COLONEL NGUYEN HIEN CO, PROMOTED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL , CONFIRMED DEPUTY COMMANDER OF III CORPS.

TRAN BA THANH , DEPUTY TO DGNP CHIEF GENERAL XUAN.

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S. NGUYEN VAN SUAN, SENIOR POLICE JUDGE.

3. [REDACTED] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON 3 NOVEMBER:

A. TONG DINH BAC, A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF TRAN BA THANH AND CHIEF OF THE POLICE SPECIAL DIVISION IN SAIGON IN 1954 AFTER THE DEFEAT OF THE BINH XUYEN, WILL REPLACE DUONG VAN HIEU AS CHIEF OF THE SPECIAL POLICE BRANCH, DGNP

B. MAJOR GENERAL NGUYEN NGOC LE, APPOINTED CHIEF OF THE CIVIL GUARD.

C. COLONEL DO MAU, CHIEF OF THE MILITARY SECURITY SERVICE, HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL.

D. TON THAT DINH AND TRAN THIEN KHIEM, BOTH PROMOTED TO MAJOR GENERAL.

E. BRIGADIER GENERAL NGUYEN VAN LA, REMAINS COMMANDER OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

F. MAJOR TRAN VAN DAN, APPOINTED CHIEF OF COMBAT POLICE.

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G. AT THE REQUEST OF GENERAL XUAN THE FORMER COMMISSIONER OF UNIFORMED POLICE TU HAS BEEN REINSTATED AND MSS OFFICER (FNU) TAN, ORIGINALLY SLATED FOR THIS POSITION, HAS RETURNED TO HIS FORMER JOB AS CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION AT MSS HEADQUARTERS.

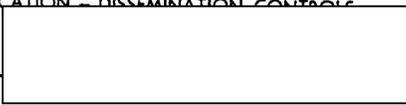
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