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Headquarters has the following traces on Phan Huy Co:

Phan Huy Co is a 45-year old Vietnamese medical doctor who has lived in France since 1954. His address has been [redacted] unknown since at least Dec. 1960. He is a non-communist nationalist and long-time leader of the "Free Democratic Party" in France representing a group of Vietnamese exiles who are strongly opposed to the present leadership in the Government of South Vietnam (GVN). Co has also been a casual contact of [redacted] case officer [redacted]. He is a graduate of the Hanoi University Medical School, specializing in pediatrics, and is a member of the Association of Pediatrics in Paris. So far as is known, Co has no business or other financial interests, although he appears to have considerable independent financial means with an unknown source of income not believed to be exclusively from the practice of medicine. In December 1961, Co came to the U.S. to drum up support for his strong beliefs in the necessity for deposing GVN President Ngo Dinh Diem. Although not receiving any official encouragement, Co did manage to make some important contacts (congressmen, newspapermen and, unofficially, some State Department officials). At least some of these persons were sympathetic to Co's impassioned arguments, particularly Washington and New York newspapermen, but he got no promises of concrete support. A Headquarters officer (representing himself as [redacted] connected with [redacted]) also contacted Co for purpose of keeping [redacted] abreast of his progress. Co is a man of considerable prestige and is regarded as a sincere anti-communist who probably has at least a partially legitimate grige against the rather oppressive [redacted] regime. He has, however, little popular following in GVN and [redacted] has found his useful only within the framework of being a source of information on the Vietnamese oppositionists in Paris.

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