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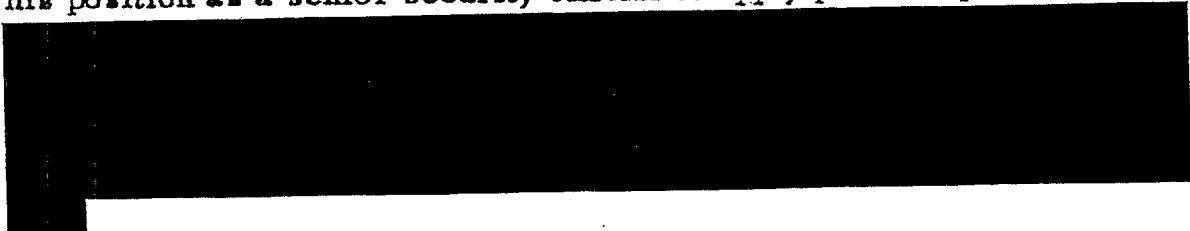
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert W. Komer
Special Assistant to the President

SUBJECT : Brigadier General Nguyen Ngoc LOAN

1. Attached is a summary of CIA reporting on the activities of Brigadier General Nguyen Ngoc LOAN, head of the Directorate General of National Police (DGNP) and chief of the Military Security Service (MSS). The summary covers the period from September 1966 to date. A review of this reporting indicates that General Loan has been involved in a wide gamut of political activities and that he has used his position as a senior security official to apply political pressure.



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2. Following is a list of some of General Loan's activities:

A. Loan has instructed the security services to mount an all-out effort to gather information concerning corrupt or immoral activities of high-ranking government and military personalities and obtain personality information on possible presidential candidates;

B. Loan has twice indicated that if the elections brought about a civilian government, the military might have to mount a coup d'etat to retain power.

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C. Loan has placed under detention military officers suspected of being close to General Nguyen Huu Co, recently deposed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense;

D. Loan has ordered the establishment of "political situation rooms" in every province in order to ascertain the strength of local political movements;

E. A Constituent Assembly (CA) member reports to Loan three times a week on CA activities;

F. Loan is involved in organizing a new Buddhist Laymen's League of Vietnam in support of Buddhist leader Tich Tam Chau;

G. Loan has placed police agents in the port as dock workers and has reactivated a dock workers union in opposition to the union affiliated with the established Vietnamese Confederation of Labor (CVT);

H. Loan informed CVT head Tran Quoc Buu that development of a trade union hindered the war effort and that a solid trade union movement would have to wait until after peace had been achieved;

I. Loan owns a Vietnamese-language newspaper and has articles printed attacking the CVT;

J. Loan has curtailed the newsprint quota of newspapers refusing to print articles attacking the CVT;

K. Loan instructed one of his subordinates to ask all IV Corps province chiefs if they would support Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky for the presidency.

3. Attached are copies of all reports on which the above listing is based.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PLANS:

/s/ William E. Colby

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