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1. Five thousand Viet Minh troops are completing a three-month course at the former Chinese Nationalist training center at T'eng Ch'iao (109-43, 18-23) on Hainan Island.
2. The center is referred to locally as a training center for the Chinese Communist 15 Army Group, and is visited often by General TENG Hua, commander of that army.
3. The training of Viet Minh troops is under Soviet supervision. The Vietnamese recruits are known by Chinese names.
4. A group of 300 Viet Minh air force personnel is presently being trained at Sanya on Hainan. These men are being trained by ex-Luftwaffe prisoners of war under Soviet supervision. Thirty additional German prisoners of war are expected to join the staff in late October.*

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. Virtually this same information was broadcast in English Morse, on 23 October 1950, from Hong Kong by the Pan-Asiatic News Alliance, a Chinese Nationalist news agency. The broadcast stated, however, that the number of Viet Minh trainees had not been ascertained.

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] reported the departure of 37 former German Air Force personnel from Canton for Hainan on 22 September 1950. 25X1A

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