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Monday, October 2, 1967
2:40 p. m.

Mr. President:

These two documents from
Gene Locke will interest you.

Should I give the first to
Bill White?

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Saigon, September 25, 1967

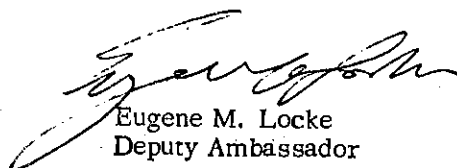
The Honorable
Walt W. Rostow
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Walt:

Enclosed herewith are two documents: one an interrogation report of a prisoner of war who was a training cadre at Hanoi University from June, 1964, until his infiltration of South Viet-Nam in January-April, 1966; the other a letter from sampan operators in the Delta commending police and Riverine forces for their work in keeping the river open against the Viet Cong.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Eugene M. Locke
Deputy Ambassador

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ADMIRAL....THE FOLLOWING WAS EXTRACTED FROM THE INTERROGATION OF A NVN WHO MAJORED IN PSYCHOLOGY AT A UNIVERSITY IN THE USSR, WHERE HE RECEIVED THE EQUIVALENT OF A Ph.D. DEGREE. HE ALSO HAS TAUGHT AT HANOI UNIVERSITY AND WAS INFILTRATED TO SVN AS A TRAINING CADRE. SOURCE COMMENTS ON HOW AMERICAN WAR PROTESTS SUSTAIN COMMUNIST MORALE. SOURCE STATES THAT AMONG SEVERAL FACTORS WHICH SUSTAIN A HIGH COMMUNIST TROOP MORALE AND AN OPTIMISM FOR ULTIMATE VICTORY IS THE EXISTENCE OF AN ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT AMONG THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. THIS FACT IS USED AS PROPAGANDA THROUGHOUT VIETNAM AND AMONG THE TROOPS, AND SOURCE BELIEVES THAT IT IS VERY EFFECTIVE. SOURCE HAD KNOWN OF THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT THROUGH THE BBC AS WELL AS THE BULLETIN (A NEWSPAPER ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION). THE BULLETIN REPORTED THAT THE GALLOP POLE REVEALS THAT ONLY 59²% OF THE PEOPLE IN THE U.S. ARE IN FAVOR OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S VIETNAM POLICIES AND THAT THE REMAINING PEOPLE DEMAND AN END TO THE WAR. SOURCE BELIEVES THAT INCREASING AMERICAN CASUALTIES, INCREASED TAXES AND INFLATION WILL STEP-UP THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT. HE POINTS TO BERTRAM RUSSELL AND U.S. SENATORS LIKE "GRUNING", WHO ARE CREATING CONFLICT WITHIN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. THE NATIONAL INTERROGATION CENTER COMMENTS THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THEIR SOURCES WHO BELIEVE THAT THE COMMUNIST SIDE WILL WIN THE WAR CITE THE AMERICAN WAR PROTESTS AS ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS.

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INTERROGATION REPORT

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THIS REPORT IS THE RESULT OF THE INTERROGATION ACTIVITY CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER (NIC) UNDER THE JOINT AUSPICES OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION (CIO) AND THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF DETACHMENT 6, 6499TH SUPPORT GROUP (USAF).

COUNTRY	: NORTH VIETNAM (NVN)	NIC REPORT NO	: 693/67
SUBJECT	: American War Protests Sustain Communist Morale	NIC CASE NO	: 090/1/67
DATE OF INFO	: To January 1967	DATE OF REPORT	: 15/7/67
DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION	: July 1967 (G - N) SAIGON, Vietnam	NO. OF PAGES	: 2
		REF	: None

SOURCE: NGUYEN HUU NGHIA, was born in 1933 in VINH LONG Province, SVN, of the poor farmer class. He was active in the VIET MINH until he regrouped in 1954. He was assigned to "land reform" tasks and completed the NVN 10th Form (US 12th Grade) at an Advanced Cultural School at BACH MAI outside of HANOI. From late 1959 to June 1964, he majored in psychology at the LOMONOSOV University in the USSR, where he received the equivalent of a Ph. D. Degree. His Russian proficiency has not been accurately established but he possibly reads well and speaks fair to good Russian. He has been an official LAO DONG Party member since July 1960. He was a training cadre at the HANOI University from June 1964 until his infiltration of SVN in January - April 1966. He was captured in January 1967 in BINH DUONG Province and arrived at the NIC on 22 June 1967. (Further details are forthcoming in Source's P.I.R.).

SUMMARY

Source stated that the American-VN war protest are greatly publicized among the Vietnamese populace and troops and are "very effective" propaganda, which helps to sustain Communist morale toward ultimate victory.

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1. Among several factors which sustain a high Communist troop morale and an optimism for ultimate victory, is the existence of an "anti-war movement" among the American public. This fact is enhanced and propagated throughout the Vietnam populace and among the troops, and Source believes that it is "very effective". Source had known of the "anti-war movement" through the BBC, the VOA as well as through all Communist media. He had read of the movement in the "Bulletin" issued by the NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM in SVN. This "Bulletin" is not meant for all the people but for special cadres to study and to subsequently exploit in propaganda. Source further quoted the "Bulletin" as showing that the Gallop Pole reveals that only 58% of the people in the US are in favor of President Johnson's Vietnam policies, and that the remaining people demand an end to the war. Increasing American casualties, increased taxes and inflation will step-up the anti-war movement. Johnson's prestige and that of the US is declining. Leading intellectuals like Bertram Russell and Jean Paul Sarthe are active against the war and US participation in it. US Senators like "Cruming" are creating conflict within the US Government, and the war protest will increase.
2. As a psychologist, educator and a proselyting Communist cadre, Source believed that informing the people and the troops, of the American anti-war movement is "very effective". As human beings they feel that they are not alone and are encouraged to carry on with their struggle.
3. Source cited the anti-war movement in France during the French-Vietnamese war. It started slowly, gained momentum and size and influenced the final outcome of the war. Source believes that the US anti-war movement will play a similar part in the current war.

NIC COMMENT. The great majority of the NIC Sources, who believe that the Communist side will win the war, cite the American war protests as one of the reasons why they will finally win the war.)

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KIEN-HOA SECTOR

ADVISORY TEAM 93

MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM

APO SAN FRANCISCO 96359

24 August 1967

To: Chief-of-Staff, COMNAVFORV
From: Lt. J. E. Harrell, NILO BEN TRE

Subj: Letter of Appreciation,

1. Sir, enclosed is the Vietnamese copy and translated copy of the letter of appreciation sent to the Province Police Chief by the Water Taxi Association. I hope it is of value to you.

Sincerely,

J. E. Harrell
J. E. Harrell
Lt. USNR

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National Police Service.
KIEN-HOA.
Control Resources Service.

Subject: - Patrons of Motorizing sampans operating on the HAM-LUONG River to express their appreciation to policemen and PBR sailors operating on the HAM-LUONG River (KIEN-HOA)

I have the honor to inform to you that on June, 15, 1967 a number of patrons of motorizing sampans operating on the HAM-LUONG River came to BEN-LO police station to hand over to the chief a letter in which they, on the behalf of all persons who have motorizing sampans in Ho'-Cay, Thanh-Lieu, Huong-Hy, Don-Nhon Districts as well as Merchants traveling by motorizing sampans, expressed their gratitude to policemen and sailors of PBR's operating on the Ham-Luong River of KIEN-HOA province.

Since PBR Forces have continuously launched regular patrols on the Ham-Luong River the VC no longer stop their sampans to collect taxes, capture or terrorize passengers, therefore they volunteered to sign their names on the letter and they would like to convey their letter of gratitude to U.S PBR Forces through the National Police Service.

KIEN HOA June, 15, 1967.

NGUYEN-VAN-NGAI.

Chief of control resources office.

The following is their letter

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THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.
KIEN HOA PROVINCE.

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KIEN HOA, June, 15, 1967.

To Commander of U.S BBR Forces operating on the Ham-
Luong River.

To The Chief of National Police Service.

Subject: Patrons of Motorizing sampans to express their appreciation
to U.S BBR Forces operating on the Ham Luong River.

Dear Mr. Commander!

Dear Mr. Chief of National Police Service

We, all patrons, workers of Motorizing sampans and Merchants
traveling on the Ham-Luong River every day have the honor to convey
to you our gratitude for PBR activities, the fact that we have
been provided with security is due to PBR activities day and night.

It is not too long ago, the VC set up their check points along
the river to collect money from us and we were forced to
support the so called The South Vietnam Liberation Front with rice,
and medicine especially anti-biotic, sometimes motors such as
motors for sampans.

Under the VC pressure, we had to obey them, we were forced
to help them. We had to increase the price of goods to cover
the losses that the VC took from us, and endured their illegal
taxes (at least 10 percent).

Since the day, there have been PBR activities on the Ham Luong
River, the VC heartless actions were put to an end and we have
had peace of mind in our daily work, we are no longer threatened
by their pressure and their retaliation (for example the patron of
HUNG PHAT motorizing sampan was captured and liquidated).

A number of patrons was forced to witness the execution). Especially now the VC cannot collect taxes from us.

We feel the resentment when we are searched by EBR Forces because we realize their actions, and their purpose is to cut off VC supplies and annihilate them. We are very satisfied with EBR Forces and pledge to stand by them. We will point out VC (economic & financial cadres) and camouflaged commo. liaison VC cadres living among villagers. We will especially provide information on VC concentration anywhere along the river side.

We have high respect for VN policemen and EBR sailors because they have good manners and are very polite when they search our taxes and they do not take bribes.

We wish the above activities to be continued and increased for ever to protect us, villagers, honest people living in lovely coconut tree areas of the South from VC sabotage.

We would like to convey our warm wishes and gratitude to policemen working on EBRs and EBR sailors through your police station, Mr. Chief!

Dear Mr. Commander!

Dear Mr. Chief of National Police Service!

May we avail ourselves of this opportunity to renew to you, excellency, the assurance of our highest consideration.

* The names listed below are patrons names and their signatures.

I/ THANH-THU - TRUC GIANG waterway.

NGUYEN-VAN-BA, patron of CONG-THAT-LOI Motorizing sample.

NGUYEN-VAN-LIEN - AN-HUE -

TRUONG-VAN-DANG - HUNG-THAT -

TRUONG-VAN-DANG - DUC-THANH -

- Đo Hùng phát: Trương-văn-Dũng
- Đo Đức thành: Trương-văn-Dũng
- Đo Hồng phát: Lê-văn-Tú
- Đo Trương Giang: Phan-văn-Bay
- Đo Phước Thiệu: Phan-văn-Tròn
- Đo Tân Phước Thành: Nguyễn-văn-Sau.

II Đường Giồng Lũng-Trúc Giang.

- Đo Văn Thành: Huỳnh-văn-Miền
- Đo Ai-Huê I: Huỳnh-Thi-Kiểm
- Đo Ai-Huê II: Phan-văn-Chấn
- Đo Nhơn Hoa: Huỳnh-Thi-Mỹ
- Đo Hiệp Lợi: Nguyễn-văn-Vinh

III Đường Cai Quao-Trúc Giang.

- Đo Vĩnh Phước: Huỳnh-như
- Đo Phước Chung: Đỗ-văn-Trai

V Đường Hồ Cày-Trúc Giang.

- Đo Trương-phát: Trương-Tú
- Đo Nam Hiền: Lê-văn-Hiền

VI Đường Đôn Nhân-Trúc Giang.

- Đo Vĩnh Phước I: Nguyễn-văn-Dê
- Đo Vĩnh Phước II: Nguyễn-văn-Bà
- Đo Liên Trung: Nguyễn-văn-Lân
- Đo Thuận Lợi: Huỳnh-văn-Dĩnh
- Đo Liên Dung: Trần-ngọc-Thành
- Đo Hiệp Thành: Nguyễn-văn-Yên
- Đo Cửu Hiệp: Nguyễn-văn-Sử

VII Đường Ba Trĩ-Trúc Giang.

- Đo Công Thành: Võ-văn-Phúc

LÊ-VAN-TU, patron of DUC-THANH motorizing sampans.
 PHAN-VAN-BAY - TRUONG-GIANG -
 PHAN-VAN-TRON - PHUOC-THIEN -
 NGUYEN-VAN-SAU - TAN-PHUOC-THANH -

II GIONG-TRON - TRUC-GIANG waterway.
 HUYNH-VAN-MUOI, patron of VAN-THANH motorizing sampans.
 HUYNH-THI-KIEM - AI-HUU I -
 PHAN-VAN-CHAU - AI-HUU II -
 HUYNH-THI-HY - SON-HOA -
 NGUYEN-VAN-VINH - HIEP-LOI -

III CAI-QUAO - TRUC-GIANG waterway.
 HUYNH-NHU, patron of VINH-PHUOC motorizing sampans.
 DO-VAN-GIAI - PHUOC-CHUNG -

IV NO-CAY - TRUC-GIANG waterway.
 TRUONG-TU, patron of TRUONG-THAT motorizing sampans.
 LE-VAN-HIEN - NAM-HIEN -

V DON-NHON - TRUC-GIANG waterway.
 NGUYEN-VAN-DE, patron of VINH-PHUOC I motorizing sampans.
 NGUYEN-VAN-BA - VINH-PHUOC II -
 NGUYEN-VAN-LAU - LIEN-TRUNG -
 HUYNH-VAN-DETH - THUAN-LOI -
 TRAN-NGOC-THANH - LIEN-DUNG -
 NGUYEN-VAN-YEN - HIEP-THANH -
 NGUYEN-VAN-SU - CUU-HIEP -

VI BATRI - TRUC-GIANG waterway.
 VO-VAN-PHU, patron of CONG-THANH motorizing sampans.

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Saigon, September 25, 1967

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Best wishes.

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