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of the meeting held on 10-30-68 at the GVN Representative Office Region II, at 09.00 A.M. to fix the prices of transportation on inter-provincial highways of Region II.

President: The Administrative Assistant to the Commander of the II CTZ.

Participants:

- Vietnamese officials of the GVN Representative Office, of Binh Dinh - Cam Ranh - Lam Dong - Tuyen Duc - Dalat - Pleiku - Kontum.

Absent: Representatives of Phu Yen - Khanh Hoa - Ninh Thuan - Binh Thuan - Quang Duc - Phu Bon - Darlac provinces.

Secretary: Mr. Nguyen Duc Phuong | GVN Representative Office | .

Program for discussion:

- Prices of transportation on inter-provincial highways
- Miscellaneous

Reason of the Meeting:

The Administrative Assistant declared that according to the Decision No. 396/BKT/NKSKT/KN/ND dated 8-3-1966 of the Economy Ministry, the basic price for the whole country is 5\$25/1 Ton / 1 kilometer.

However, because of the present high cost of living and the difficult communication, the above price cannot be applied. The prices become different from one place to another, for the same distance.

Presently, despite the improvement of Security there is still difference of prices between different region and provinces. The Economy Ministry, consequently asked the GVN Representatives Office to set temporary prices for their respective zones.

Exposition:

The Economy Inspector of II CTZ said that the prices of everything rise in this wartime and the transportation prices are not the same in different places, they are higher than the official ones throughout the II CTZ.

For goods transportation, the actual applied prices are:

Qui Nhon/Pleiku	(168km)	: 105\$00	. . .	6\$25/1 Ton/lkm.
" / Kontum	(217km)	: 110\$00	. . .	5\$06 " "
" / Phu Bon	(263km)	: 185\$00	. . .	7\$03 " "
Nhatrang/BanmeThuot	(184km)	: 120\$00	. . .	6\$52 " "
" / Tuy Hoa	(122km)	: 100\$00	. . .	8\$19 " "
Ba Ngon/Phan Rang	( 45km)	: 57\$00	. . .	12\$66 " "
" / Dalat	(155km)	: 110\$00	. . .	7\$09 " "
" / Tuyen Duc	(155km)	: 115\$00	. . .	7\$41 " "
" / Lam Dong	(236km)	: 190\$00	. . .	8\$05 " "

The Conferees study the prices of goods transportation and after that the travellers transportation.

Deliberation:

After a general survey of the region, of the conditions, of the

highways, of the security, of the transportable goods, the Meeting could not fix common prices for the inter-provincial transportation. The difficulties are: The truck used to transport light goods such as salad, tea etc... Must be paid from 1\$80 to 2\$00 for 1kg from Saigon to Dalat. Sugar 3\$00/lkg. Taxes to be paid to VC, bad roads, car jams, often trucks lie at midway from 5 to 7 days. All prices are rising, prices of the car accessories rise from 100 to 500%.

The meeting decided to maintain 5\$25/1Ton/1km of the Economy Ministry, as basic price. For the distances the prices are under the official ones, those prices are maintained. In case the prices are higher than the official ones, it's subject for examination and study. The provinces and cities must respect the official basic price 5\$25. In case the transportation is difficult, the prices rise, the provincial Price Committee must establish new prices for different courses but the latter should not be higher than the maximum prices fixed by the Meeting.

The Provincial Representatives were not all present, the meeting could set only the prices for transportation of the most needed products like rice, cement etc... from the sea-port to the provinces and cities. The prices of transportation to other directions will be studied and fixed after.

Hereunder are the prices fixed by the meeting for different distances:

-	<u>Quinhon/Pleiku</u>	(168kms)	maximum	6\$25/1Ton/1km			
-	" / Kontum	(217kms)	"	5\$06	"	"	(under the official price)
-	" / Phu Bon	(263kms)	"	6\$65	"	"	
-	" / Tuy Hoa	(115kms)	"	7\$00	"	"	
-	<u>Nhatrang/BanmeThuot</u>	(184kms)	"	6\$52	"	"	
-	<u>Ba Ngoi/Phan Rang</u>	( 45kms)	"	5\$00	"	"	(but the distance from Nhatrang to Phanrang must be paid)
-	" / Dalat	(155kms)	"	5\$50	"	"	(paid as to transport from Nhatrang to Dalat.)
-	" / Tuyen Duc	(155kms)	"	5\$50	"	"	(paid as to transport from Nhatrang to Tuyen Duc)
-	Bangoi/Lam Dong	(236kms)	"	6\$20	"	"	

Nhatrang to Tuy Hoa (122kms) : according to the Decision No. 553/KX/KTL/QD, dated 8-8-1968, the Phu Yen Price Committee has fixed

0\$75/lkg/100kms. The Committee found that this price is comparatively too high. The Phu Yen representative was not present, the meeting proposed the GVN Representative Office and the Economy Inspection Directorate to ask the Phu Yen price committee explanation and the new price study will follow.

Prices made according to the volume:

Upon the proposition of the Public Works zone chief of the Central Highlands, the meeting fixed the prices according to the volume: 2\$50/1m3 and each truck must transport at least 20m3. Under 20m3, the payment is made as if with 20m3. This price is applied for all inter-provincial roads of the II CTZ.

Saigon - Dalat distance:

The representatives of the Transportation Cooperatives wished to discuss the prices between Saigon-Dalat because now it's practically impossible to respect the official prices of the Economy Ministry. The problem is out of its reach, the meeting contented itself to pick up the proposed price, 11\$00/1Ton/1km, and to submit it to the Economy Ministry for decision.

Prices for the passengers transportation:

The meeting has fixed the maximum prices to be applied in II CTZ as follows:

- Big buses : 1\$20/1person/1km.
- Cars : 1\$50/1person/1km.

The provincial Price Committee will base on the basic prices of the Economic Ministry (Decision No. 396/BKT/NKSKT/KN/ND, dated 8-3-66) 0\$60 for buses, 0\$72 for cars, and the above maximum prices to decide reasonable prices for local application.

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Apart the transportation problem, the following ones have been discussed in this meeting:

- Sea-ports:

The representative of the transport Cooperative of Binh Dinh raised the question of the transportation prices at Qui Nhon port. During the last months, the quantity of goods to be unloaded rises from 2 to 300 tons, that of some other items rises to 100%. On the contrary, the transportators enjoy only a raise of 11% salary

only. The provincial Price Committee has raised from 90\$ to 100\$ one ton but the Cooperative representative asked the GVN Representative Office to examine again the question and to raise the price to 150\$.

The Meeting picked up the demand and invited the Binh Dinh Deputy Chief to communicate it to the Price Committee for re-examination, then report the GVN Representative Office for study.

- Percentage of lost rice at the warehouse:

The Pleiku Deputy Chief declared 0,5% lost rice at the port and 0,5% at the local warehouse.

It was proposed that the Pleiku contractors would enjoy the 1% lost price because they didn't stock rice at the port warehouse.

The Economic Inspector explained that according to the price regulations, the percentage of lost rice at the port and at the local warehouse is 0,5%. The question is now exposed for discussion because at Pleiku, the contractors take rice at Qui Nhon but not at the port, when in other provinces, they take at the port. The Contractors put the rice long time at the port warehouses or take it away immediately, depending on the fact, Pleiku authorities can, in the contract, diminish or cancel the percentage of rice lost at the port warehouses.

- Rent of the warehouse:

The Pleiku representative said the price is 1\$00/lbag/1 month and proposed a raise. The Economy inspector explained that the rent price is fixed by the Economy Ministry and the maximum rent duration is only 2 months. After that, because the quantity of rice received by the provinces augment much, the Ministry cancelled that measure and accept to pay only the days the rice is really stocked in the warehouse. Now, the rent is really higher than the official price, the provinces will order the price committee to study the problem and report the GVN representative office for examination.

The Lam Dong representative said that the rice stocked long time make the rice price rising because of the warehouse rent; the buyers will be mixed up and the control becomes difficult. Here, the inspector advises serious control of registers and accountings to avoid abuses and at the same time, explanation be given the buyers to avoid misunderstanding.

No more problem for deliberation, the administrative assistant declared the meeting over at 13.30 hrs.

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Secretary

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