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FROM: USARMA SAIGON VIETNAM  
TO: CSUSA WASH DC FOR G2 PASS ONI & AFOLN  
INFO: CINCPAC PEARL HARBOR HI, CINCPAC TOKYO JAPAN, CGAFFE, ADV TOKYO JAPAN, COMAFTHIRTEEN CLARK AFB PI, COMSEADEFCOM, COMFEAF TOKYO JAPAN, COMNAFFE, COMFIRSITELT, USARMA MANILA PI

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On 5 Oct all that part DMT 1 zone west Red River excepting Hanoi autonomous sector will be turned over VM. VM enter Hanoi sector 8 Oct while remainder DMT 1 zone goes VM 10 Oct. All Fr Union elms DMT 1 zone will move directly gen area Haiphong. No VN units now DMT 1 zone. Involved in move are mobile gps 4, 5, 8 and 9, GA 2, GB 2, BMTS 32, 2/2 RTA, 1/6 RIC, 3/6 RIC, BM 2/AOF.

In south Vietnam GM 11 being converted New Vietnamese regt. Designation not yet known. Composition will be BVN 1, 3, 11 plus GAVN 1.

Evac VM by French from Xuyen Moc regroupment area ends 1 Oct. French mil state total 16,000 pers moved from area of which 10,000 trps. These evacuees and trps disembarking near Thanh Hoa and not rpt not Vinh as previously rept.

Evac Plane Des Jongs VM regroupment area commences next few days.

Evac from Tonkin thru 27 Sep were 28482 French Union trps, 28080 Vietnamese trps, 5756 militia, 7712 French Union dep, 53967 Vietnamese dep, 16073 militia dep, 7010 French civil, 182747 Vietnamese civil, 10913 other civil. Total pers 340,740 of which 131696 lifted out by air. By same date 53248 tons mil mat and 5056 mil veh moved.

Comments: No evac militia trps since 16 Sep. Supposedly evac such trps ended. From 22 Sep thru 27 Sep only 2946 Vietnamese civil evac.

To date over 180,000 Vietnamese civil have moved from VM zones to South Vietnam. 71,000 civil have been perm settled South Vietnam areas as foll: 46,000 Bien Hoa, 1,000 My Tho,

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5,000 Vinh Long, 4,000 Thu Duc, 10,000 Thu Dau Jot, 4,000 Chodon, 1,000 Thai Ninh.

Comment: Resettlement problems and scarcity empl disillusioning many evacuees from north. Vietnamese Govt confirms that unspecified nr evacuees have petitioned for return to Tonkin. Some reportedly have purchased trans back to north. Compounding resettlement problems are the three quarter million Vietnamese displaced thru VM conquest of Central and South Vietnam regions. These displaced people, desiring return their land, demand consideration before refugees.

Vietnamese reoccupation central Vietnam areas cont foment incidents with more expected dev. On 28 Sep populace of village 20 km southwest Tam Ky suffered several wounded during demonstrations against Vietnamese co in area. Same date 5 km, west Tam Ky Vietnamese co fired on population. Possibly 30-40 demonstrators killed.

Comment: Tourane internatl team to inves these 2 incidents.

French state dangerous lack dspln amongst Vietnamese reg and suppletif trps in Nha Trang area central Vietnam. Soldiers said to have thrown grenades when denied entrance to theater.

Comment: Dspln poor thru out Vietnamese Army. Will cont so until reorg and entered upon extensive tng program. Poor dspln amongst trps reflective lack dspln at higher levels Vietnamese Army.

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**INFO: OCS, G3, OSA, OSD, JCS, AF, NAVY**

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