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**COMMUNICATION SECTION
OFFICE OF CHIEF MAAG, SAIGON**

42-707 - 8-4-54 - 50,000 GR. - DEF. FRANÇAISE D'OUTRE-MER - SAIGON

FROM OTG 90.8	CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL	PRECEDENCE PRIORITY
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SITREP 120 IN 9 PARTS X

PART 1 X NO LOADING 12 JAN X LOADED 13 JAN 4947 CIV PAX IN GEN HOWZE X
TOTALS TO DATE NO CHANGE EXCEPT NEW TOTALS 14575 X GRAND TOTAL PAX
199254 X

PART 2 X CHANGE IN TASK GROUP 90.8 SHIP'S X GEN HOWZE BATE D ALONG X
HERKIMER, LST 546 AND GUNSTON HALL ENROUTE SAIGON X ARLO OLSON, SWOOD-
KNOT, LST 176 AND LST 520 ENROUTE HAIPHONG X CODINGTON SAIGON X MST 47
RETURNED SAIGON FOR HULL REPAIRS BY FRENCH NAVY X WEATHER SOUTH CHINA
MODERATING X

PART 3 X TOTAL REFUGEES HAIPHONG 11729 WITH 4126 READY TO GO X GEN HOWZE
13 JAN LOAD INCLUDED 3275 CHINESE FROM WITHIN PERIMETER WHO WERE NOT
LIVING IN CAMPS X HOWZE SAILING DELAYED UNTIL MORNING 14 JAN BECAUSE
CHINESE AGAIN BROUGHT A GREAT NUMBER OF LARGE BOXES X HOWZE CREW WORKING
24 HOUR BASSS TO SECURE X TOTAL WEIGHT BOXES ESTIMATED 200 LONG TONS
800 MEASUREMENTS X BOXES FLIMSY CONSTRUCTION INCREASED DIFFICULTY OF
LOADING AND STOWING X HAVE REQUESTED MAAG AND USOM TO AGAIN ASK REFUGEE

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Date 14 JAN 55

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COMMITTEE TO INSTRUCT REFUGEES THAT HOWZE IS NOT A CARGO SHIP X ARRIVAL
MARINE SERPENT 20 JAN IS OPPORTUNE AS CAMP AREA AT CAPACITY X REFUGEE
INFLUX AVERAGE 400 PER DAY X

PART 4 X CHIEF STAFF OFFICER AND ADDITIONAL OFFICERS STAFF CONTRASDIY
32 ARRIVED HAIPHONG 12 JAN X TURNOVER PROCESS COMMENCED X

PART 5 X AMBASSADOR COLLINS ARRIVED 12 JAN TOURED REFUGEE CAMPS AND
BARNO DEPOT HAIPHONG AND OBSERVED REFUGEE EMBARKATION 13 JAN X RETURNED
SAIGON 13 JAN X

PART 6 X 10 JAN FRENCH NAVY PATROL CRAFT SEIZED 7 LARGE JUNKS PROCEEDING
IN COMPANY OF TUGS TO SONG GIA TO VIETMINH ZONE. CARGO CONSISTED OF 50
LONG TONS CEMENT, 800 GALLONS GASOLINE AND 260 GALLONS LUBE OIL. JUNKS
OBSERVED HAIPHONG X FRENCH NAVY CONFISCATED JUNKS AND CARGO AND RETURNED
HAIPHONG X CARGO ON QUANTITY CONTROL LIST OF VIETNAM-VIETMINH TRADE
AGREEMENT BUT NO CERTIFICATE OF PERMISSION OBTAINED X EVENT IMPORTANT
PRIMARILY BECAUSE SEIZURE IMPLICATED LARGE NUMBER CHINESE MERCHANTS AND
SOME VIETNAMESE GOVT OFFICIALS X CASE TURNED OVER TO VIETNAM SECURITY
POLICE X

PART 7 X MICHEL ARBEILLE, CORRESPONDENT OF MAGAZINE PARIS WATCH FRENCH
EQUIVALENT OF LIFE TRAVELLING WITH REFUGEES ON GEN HOWZE THIS TRIP WITH
APPROVAL CINCPACFLT AND OTF 90 X

PART 8 X/WITHIN PAST FEW DAYS OVER 300 CHILDREN OF CHINESE DESCENT AGED
9-15 DEPT HAIPHONG FOR PEKING X CHILDREN ARE HAIPHONG RESIDENTS X CHINESE
REDS AND VIETMINH HAVE ARRANGED TRANSPORTATION AND PROMISED FREE EDUCATION
IN PEKING X

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**PART 9 X PART 5 MY SITREP 119 REFERS X 1955 PEASANTS ARMED WITH STICKS
LOST BATTLE AT NA LANG TO 4000 REGULAR VIETMINH TROOPS AND HAVE BEEN
DISPERSED X CONTROL COMMISSION APPARENTLY FORCED ACCEPT VIETMINH VERSION
RIDTUM ONE OF SUPPRESSION ILLEGAL UPRISING**

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