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DATA FOR WEEKA 21 January 1955

DURING WEEK ENDING 15 JANUARY TOTAL 4052 ESCAPEES ARRIVED HAIPHONG. MAJORITY ARRIVALS BY RAILROAD FROM HANOI AND SURROUNDING PROVINCES WITHOUT PERMITS TO LEAVE VIETMINH ZONE. VIETMINH SEARCH ESCAPEES THOROUGHLY AT BORDER HAIPHONG PERIMETER FOR MONEY, GOLD AND VALUABLES BUT NO ATTEMPT TO CHECK FOR PERMITS OR PREVENT ESCAPE THIS ROUTE.

STATUS EVACUATION PERSONNEL AS OF 9 JANUARY: NON-FRENCH CIVILIANS 449,124; FRENCH CIVILIANS 30,117; VN MILITARY 54,995; FRENCH MILITARY 67,300. GRAND TOTAL 601,536. CEREMONY FOR 200,000TH REFUGEE TRANSPORTED BY US NAVY TO BE HELD 22 JAN ABOARD HOWZE.

COMMISSIONER GENERAL FOR REFUGEES REPORTS 231,397 PERSONS AND 17,264 COMPLETED HOUSING UNITS IN RESETTLEMENT AREAS OF SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 1,789 PERSONS AND 106 HOUSING UNITS DURING WEEK. NO DATA AVAILABLE FROM GOVERNMENT FOR CENTRAL VIETNAM.

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