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Notes on Ba-Sec B camp

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Father Doan Ngoc San, leader of Ba-Sec B camp came to see me on September 19, 1955 to request allotments of:

- 1) ammonium sulfate to manure the rice fields;
- 2) microphones, material, etc. to establish an information hall to spread propaganda over the refugees and to quiet them;
- 3) macedonizing the road from Long Dinh to Ba Sec.

According to what he said, the number of refugees in Ba Sec now is about 20,000. Communists V.M. are still hidden in Dong Thap Muoi and the refugees are afraid to penetrate there to plough the rice fields because they have no rifles. The soldiers stationed there, most of them have relatives living in Dong Thap Muoi, could not give good protection to the refugees because they are afraid of the communists' revenge. He thinks that it would be better to organize troops composed of refugees who hate V. M.

He says that it is necessary to relocate the refugees in Ba Sec A, Ba Sec B and Long Dinh appendix.

The present chief of My-Tho province will before long be replaced by another one.

It is to be noted that the population of Ba Sec has decreased from a high of 32,000 to the priest's present estimate of 20,000.

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