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USOM Public Administration Division is initiating a series of periodic informal bulletins on matters relating to public administration in Vietnam. In view of the increased demands for more information in this field from other USOM Divisions and other American agencies, especially concerning field administration and local governments, it is believed that these bulletins may be the best means of disseminating information on a current basis to all interested parties.

This initial bulletin transmits copies of:

An organization chart of the central administration in Vietnam, as of November 15, 1962.

An organization chart of field administration and local governments in Vietnam combined with a map showing the provinces, principal cities and towns, military zones and areas, as of December 5, 1962.

An alphabetical listing of the provinces of Vietnam, with pertinent data pertaining to them as of December 1, 1962.

Future bulletins will be issued as useful information becomes available. They will include notices of any changes to the documents transmitted herewith, additional material as it accumulates and brief articles on various aspects of public administration in Vietnam which are of general interest.

These bulletins are being issued on a trial basis and will be expanded, continued or dropped according to their reported usefulness. Please do not hesitate to send us your opinions, as a matter of fact, questions, comments and suggestions are invited. PAD maintains a library containing many Vietnamese government statutes with French and English translations of some of the more important ones, the Official Journal of Vietnam, many research reports on both central and field administration in Vietnam, including those prepared by the former Michigan State University Group, as well as material on public administration in general. PAD will do its best to answer any question on administration in Vietnam either through the bulletin, if of general interest, or on a personal basis.

In addition to comments and suggestions, PAD welcomes information on administration in Vietnam from other sources, especially from those in the field who can supply information on field administration and local governments. While there is a high degree of centralization, and consequently uniformity of administration, there are variations among provinces, especially in the areas of cantons, villages and hamlets. Information as to such variations will be helpful in presenting as complete and correct a picture of public administration in Vietnam as possible.

Send or telephone questions, comments, suggestions or information to USOM/PAD, Mr. Lien, Extension 425. Also, please notify us of any changes desired in the number of copies of the bulletin which you receive. Additional copies of attachments are available upon request.

Additional information concerning the Civil Guard and Self-Defense Corps came to our attention after the printing of the organization chart of the central administration. The last footnote at the lower left should read, "By statute, under the Presidency but provisionally transferred to the Department of Defense and placed at the disposal of the Department of Interior". This refers to the Directorate General of Civil Guard, hence, it is shown under both of these Departments.

"Militia Corps" appearing in the same box with the Directorate General of Civil Guard is, first, a misnomer, it should read "Inspectorate of Self-Defense Corps"; and second, it should be placed within the box for the Department of Interior. The Self-Defense Corps itself is under local government jurisdiction. The Inspectorate General in the Department of Interior serves as a quasi-administrative headquarters for the Self-Defense Corps in the provinces in addition to its inspection activities.

Also, the Department of Interior box should include a "General Administration of Rehabilitation Centers".

By way of explanation, the "Directorate of Telecommunications" in the Department of Interior serves security forces as distinguished from the "Directorate General of Post and Telecommunications" in the Department of Public Works which serves the civilian population.

These corrections will be incorporated into the next revision of the chart.

A few days after the attached maps were printed the President of the Republic of Vietnam signed decrees reorganizing the Military Zones and Military Areas. There are now four instead of three Military Zones in addition to the Capital Military Zone. These changes will be incorporated into the next revision of the map.

The last page of the listing of the provinces of Vietnam has been corrected to show the Military Zones and the Provinces included in each of them. The new boundaries of these Zones can be determined from this listing.