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New Province Chiefs

Binh Long -- Major Ly Ba Hy

Phong Dinh -- Major Tran Ba Di

Phu Yen -- Lt. Col. Nguyen Hoai

Phuoc Thanh -- Major Nguyen Huu Man

Vietnamese Embassy Closed in Laos

The Vietnamese Ambassador to Laos has been recalled and the Vietnamese Embassy there was closed.

Local Government Administration

Mr. Gustav Hertz, Chief of Public Administration for the Far East Region, AID/Washington, has just completed 30 days of TDY with USOM. The purpose of his visit was to review the Public Administration program in Vietnam, especially as it pertains to local government administration, and more specifically how it can contribute to the strategic hamlet program.

PAD has already been assisting in this program, initially in providing its Acting Chief to inaugurate the program and in the field of training, it will in the future focus greater attention on local government administration, initially in the areas of local taxation and the training of strategic hamlet council members.

Acting Chief of Public Administration Division Departs

After more than six years with the Public Administration Division, USOM, Mr. Newton B. Knox departs on February 23rd on direct transfer to Guatemala. Bon Voyage to the Knoxes.

Progress Report on Internal Taxation

Mr. Ray E Davis, Public Administration Tax Advisor, has prepared a "Progress Report" on the National Internal Tax System of Vietnam. Quoting from the Preface of the Report:

"The purposes of this report are fourfold:

- (1) To inform the USOM and the Agency for International Development of the progress made in the Vietnam Directorate General of Taxation,
- (2) To indicate to the Vietnam Directorate General of Budget and Foreign Aid a proposed work program for 1963 within the Directorate General of Taxation,
- (3) To submit recommendations to the Director General of Taxation for his consideration,
- (4) To provide a written record, which can be used by those interested in the internal tax program, as a measure in determining the progress being made and the strengths and weaknesses of work plans, proposals, and recommendations.

This report is not intended to cover the entire field of national taxation in Vietnam, nor even the whole field of internal taxation. The remarks are intended to apply only to matters of internal tax administration and enforcement.

It is beyond the purview of this report to discuss tax legislation or tax policy, except in those few instances where they relate to administration and enforcement.

It is sincerely hoped that this will be more than a mere "report" but that it will be of some assistance in making improvements which will produce better tax administration, enforcement, and collection and result in a more equitable taxation system.

The report is divided into four parts:

1. Accomplishments in 1962
2. Work Program for 1963
3. Recommendations
4. Appendices"

Interested persons may obtain copies of this report from Public Administration Division.

Corrections to Reference Documents

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Provinces of Vietnam, page 19	C7	Major Nguyen duc Mai	Maj. Ly ba Hy
	C25	Major Le van Tu	Maj. Tran ba Di
	C27	Major Duong' thai Dong	Lt. Col. Nguyen Hoai
	C29	Major Ho trung Hau	Maj. Nguyen huu Man

Delete "Laos" from the list of Embassies in the box at the right on the chart of Central Administration of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam.