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15. SUMMARY: (C) This report contains VCI information on the Military Proselyting Subject, Military Sect, 7th Front, to include strength, mission, method of operation, barriers to effectiveness, location, LBN, and personalities. Source also provided the LBN of and other personalities within the 7th Front. Source was not knowledgeable outside of the Military Proselyting Subject.

1. (C) Background Information:

- a. Name: PHAM TAN (FAMV, TAANS), aka TANH (TANH), CMIC 2953-70
- b. Rank: None (VC)
- c. Position and Unit of Assignment: Asst Chief; Military Proselyting Sect, TRIEU PHONG Dist Party Committee
- d. DPOB: May 34; TRIEU PHUOC vil, TRIEU PHONG Dist, QUANG TRI Prov, RVN

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e. Parents' Names: Father, PHAM TRAN (FAMV, TRAANS), deceased; Mother, NGUYEN THI LUAT (NGUYEENX, THIV LUAATV), deceased

f. Circumstances of Capture. Source was captured by US forces at VINH HUE Ham, TRIEU VAN Vil, TRIEU PHONG Dist, QUANG TRI Prov on 13 Sep 69, while walking into the hamlet to obtain a meal. Source had in his possession one K-54 pistol and an NVA map of TRIEU PHONG Dist. DUNG (DUNG), a commo-liaison messenger, was also captured with source.

g. Significant Activities. Source attended school at his POB for two years between 1945 and 1948. In Jan 52, source joined the VIET MINH and fought against the French until 1953, when he regrouped to NVN. In Aug 54, he was assigned to the 167th Recon Co, 270th NVA Inf Regt, located in NGHE AN Prov, NVN; he remained with this unit until Jun 61, when he was transferred to the ONG THANH Infil Gp. The group began infiltrating in Jun 61, and it arrived in THUA THIEN Prov, RVN, at the beginning of Sep 61. Source was assigned to the 1st Sapper Co, SR-4, of THUA THIEN Prov, where he received sapper training, grew rice, and built bunkers. He remained with the company until Jan 65, when he returned to NVN to attend the QUAN CHINH Officer Training School in MONG CONG Dist, THANH HOA Prov, NVN. After graduation in Oct 65, source was promoted from SGT to LT. In Apr 66, he was assigned to the Propaganda Cell, Military Proselyting Subsect, Political Sect, 7th Front, at which time he delivered propaganda leaflets to district level Military Proselyting Cadre. In Jul 69, source was reassigned as the Asst Chief of the Military Proselyting Sect, TRIEU PHONG Dist Party Committee. However, because of Allied pressure in the district, source performed no propaganda or proselyting duties, but remained in hiding until his DOC.

h. Additional References: CMIC Exploitation Guide, Annex P; Revised Viet Cong Terminology Glossary

2. (C) VCI of the Military Proselyting Subsect, Political Sect, 7th Front:

a. General. The Military Proselyting Subsect had the general mission of printing and distributing NLF policy and propaganda leaflets to the Military Proselyting Sections of the four battalions and three districts subordinate to the 7th Front. The subsection had the additional mission of maintaining a PW camp. The strength of the subsection was 23; the subsection was headed by a Chief and an Asst Chief.

b. Barriers to Effectiveness. Before Oct 68, the subsection encountered no difficulties in carrying out its mission. Supplies were always adequate, and the work load permitted enough time for relaxation. However, after Oct 68, increased US and ARVN operations within the 7th Front forced the subsection to sharply curtail its propaganda distribution and proselyting activities. While source was with the subsection, the organization suffered only two casualties, one man in Jul 67 and the other in Aug 68.

c. LBN and Location. The LBN of the subsection was B17V2. It had no code name or cover designation. All elements of the subsection,

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except the PW camp, were located together. The PW camp was always located approximately a two-hour walk away from the other cells. The PW camp changed its location only rarely, moving within the remote jungle areas of TRIEU PHONG and HAI LANG Districts. The rest of the subsection was also mobile and, approx three times each year, moved between various locations in the jungle of the TRIEU PHONG and HAI LANG Areas. Movement was scheduled by the 7th Front according to the situation within the front. Movement of the subsection was conducted during the day to facilitate passage through the jungle. The members carried all of the equipment in back packs and made only one trip. All members, except those assigned to the PW Camp, lived and worked together in a large house constructed at the subsection base area. A new house had to be built at each new location.

d. Organization. The Military Proselyting Subsect consisted of a HQ, a Printing Cell, a Translation Cell, a Propaganda Cell, and a PW camp. (See organization chart on page 9.)

## (1) HQ:

(a) General. The HQ had the mission of receiving orders from the 7th Front and of dispensing these orders to the subordinate cells. The cell consisted of a Chief, an Asst Chief and an Adjutant. All three men were Party members.

(b) Methods of Operation. The chief received his orders daily from the 7th Front by liaison runner. Orders from the front were sealed in an envelope and were delivered either in the morning or in the afternoon; there was no set time for delivery. Orders concerned operational procedures of the subsection and NLF policy statements. The chief orally dispensed these orders to the other members of the subsection. At the end of each month, the chief called a meeting of the entire subsection, except for the personnel assigned to the PW camp. Meeting were held in the subsection's house during the day and usually lasted approx 30 minutes. The members discussed the successes and failures of the last month, and the means of increasing the security around their base area. At the beginning of each month, the chief went to the 7th Front's meetings. He left in the morning, unescorted, and returned in the afternoon of the same day. The chief carried a briefcase with him (NFI). The adjutant assigned to the HQ was responsible for procuring all food and supply items for the subsection. Twice each month, he and three others went to the Rear Svc Sect, 7th Front, to pick up food and supplies. The round trip took one day. The subsection had a cook and a nurse on a permanent basis; both were under the authority of the adjutant.

## (c) Personalities:

Chief: CPT TUNG (TUNG); 45 years old, 1.6 meters tall, weighed 50 kilograms, light complexion, North Vietnamese, reassigned in Jul 69 as PO, K-8 Bn

Asst Chief: Sr LT MUON (MUONS); 37 years old, 1.6 meters tall, weighed 50 kilograms, medium complexion, North Vietnamese, replaced TUNG as chief in Jul 69

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Adjutant: ASP THONG (THOONG); 35 years old, 1.6 meters tall, weighed 50 kilograms, dark complexion, had scar on the back of the neck, South Vietnamese, was still with the subsection in Jul 69

Cook: DIU (ZIUL); female, 20 years old, 1.5 meters tall, weighed 45 kilograms, medium complexion, South Vietnamese, came to the subsection in the beginning of 1967 and was still there in Jul 69

Nurse: HIEN (HIEENL); female, 22 years old, 1.5 meters tall, weighed 45 kilograms, medium complexion, South Vietnamese, transferred to the Med Subsect, 7th Front, in Jul 69

## (2) Printing Cell:

(a) General. This cell had one female printer. It had the mission of printing propaganda leaflets and NLF policy statements.

(b) Methods of Operation. The printer in this cell printed leaflets for only about four hours each day. Material for the leaflets came from the 7th Front and was passed down to the Printing Cell from the Chief of the subsection. The printer used a crude, hand-held printing device in which the letters had to be set individually by hand. Only Vietnamese language leaflets were printed, as equipment was not available for English language printing. Leaflets were printed on sheets (4 x 5) of white paper. Only about 70 leaflets were printed each day. Paper and ink were supplied by the Rear Svc Sect of the 7th Front. After the leaflets were printed, they were passed on to the subsection chief for inspection and for further distribution to the Propaganda Cell. The leaflets embodied NLF policy toward the ARVN.

(c) Leaflets. NLF policy toward the ARVN, as set forth in the leaflets printed by the Printing Cell, was as follows:

NLF policy is the same for all officers, NCOs, and EM of the ARVN.

Whoever leaves his unit will be rewarded by the VC.

Anyone, even though he has fought against the VC in the past, will be treated with leniency if he deserts to the VC.

Anyone who continues to fight against the VC will be punished.

## (d) Personalities:

Printer: TRUONG (TRUOWNG); female, 20 years old, 1.5 meters tall, weighed 45 kilograms, medium complexion, came to the subsection in Apr 66, regrouped to NVN in Jul 69

## (3) Translation Coll:

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(a) General. This cell had one man. The cell had the mission of translating and writing out Vietnamese leaflets into English. It also had the mission of translating captured US documents.

(b) Methods of Operation. The translator of this cell studied English in NVN (NFI). Each day he wrote out English translations of VC propaganda directed at US forces in the three district areas of the Front. The propaganda came from the 7th Front, through the subsection chief, and to the Translation Cell about once each month. Each day, the translator wrote out 100 to 150 copies of the English translation on sheets (4 x 5) of white paper and gave the copies to the subsection chief, who passed the leaflets on to the Propaganda Cell. Source did not know the themes of the leaflets. Captured US documents came to the Translation Cell from other sections within the 7th Front. Translated documents were given to the subsection chief. Source could provide no further information concerning the nature of the US documents, where they came from, or where they went after they had been given to the subsection chief.

## (c) Personalities:

Translator: ASP NGO (NGOV); 30 years old, 1.6 meters tall, weighed 50 kilograms, medium complexion, North Vietnamese, Party member

## (4) Propaganda Cell:

(a) General. The strength of this cell was three, a cell leader and two members, all of whom were Party members. The cell had the mission of delivering NLF policy and propaganda leaflets to the K-8, K-10, K-14, and K-17 Bns of the 7th Front and to the Military Proselyting Sections of TRIEU PHONG, HAI LANG, and QUANG DA Districts. From Apr 66 until Jul 69, source delivered leaflets to the three district organizations within the 7th Front.

(b) Methods of Operation. The cell received its leaflets from the Printing and Translation Cells. About once or twice each month, NLF policy statements came in an unmarked envelope to the subsection chief and were passed on to the Propaganda cell for study. After receiving the leaflets and studying the NLF policy, the cell members went out to the districts and battalions to distribute the leaflets. Before Oct 68, distribution trips were usually made toward the end of each month; however, delivery times were flexible and were fixed according to the desire of the subsection chief and according to orders from the 7th Front. Source was responsible for delivering leaflets to the districts; the cell leader and the other member were responsible for making the battalion leaflet distribution. At the battalions, cell members met with Military Proselyting personnel to deliver the leaflets and to brief them on NLF policy; at district level, source met with the Chiefs of the Military Proselyting Sections. Each battalion and each district received 50 Vietnamese language and 15 to 20 English language leaflets at each delivery. The round trip to the battalions took one day; it took five days to make the

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complete trip to the districts and back. The battalions distributed the leaflets when they conducted operations against US and ARVN installations in the area. The District Military Proselyting Sections passed the leaflets on to the district units and village units for further distribution. No armed escorts were provided for the cell members during delivery trips. Members were led to the battalions and districts by liaison personnel.

## (c) Personalities:

Cell Ldr: Sr LT TE (TEE); 30 years old, 1.6 meters tall, weighed 50 kilograms, dark complexion, Party member, regrouped to NVN in Jun 69

Member: Sr LT TINH (TINH); 37 years old, 1.6 meters tall, weighed 50 kilograms, dark complexion, Party member, came to the Military Proselyting Subsect in Apr 66, went to HAI LANG Military Proselyting Sect as Asst Chief in Jul 69

Member: Source

## (5) PW Camp:

(a) General. The strength of the PW camp was 13 men. It was headed by a camp chief. The camp had the mission of holding ARVN PWs; however, after 1967, no PWs were received at the camp. For all practical purposes, the camp ceased to operate. By Jul 69, all personnel had been transferred to other units within the 7th Front. From the time source came to the Military Proselyting Subsect in Apr 66 to his transfer in Jul 69, the camp held a total of 30 ARVN PWs. No more than two prisoners arrived at the camp at one time. (Interrogator's Note: All information on this camp is hearsay, as source never visited the installation.)

(b) Methods of Operation. Prisoners arrived at the PW camp from the battalions subordinate to the Military Staff Sect of the 7th Front and from the military units at district level. They were taken directly to the camp and did not pass through the subsection base area. When a prisoner was captured, the 7th Front was notified by the capturing unit, and an interrogator was sent to the PW camp to question the new arrival. Source did not know how long the prisoners stayed at the camp or where they went after they left. While at the camp, prisoners lived in an underground bunker. During the day they were permitted to come out of the bunker and to loiter within the immediate area. Guards were posted around the area to prevent escape, but, because the camp was so remotely located, escape attempts were rare. During the night, prisoners were confined to the bunker. Camp personnel lived in a house removed from the bunker area. The camp had its own cooking and health facilities (NFI).

## (c) Personalities:

Camp Chief: Sr LT PHONG (FONG); 45 years old, 1.6 meters tall, weighed 50 kilograms, medium complexion, Party member, reassigned to an unknown section of 7th Front in Jul 69,

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e. LBN and Cover of the 7th Front. The LBN of the 7th Front was 50.315FQG. Its cover name was BAC DO (BACS, DOO).

## f. Other Personalities within the 7th Front:

## (1) 7th Front HQ:

Political Chief: COL THAN (THANR)

Military Chief: COL TINH (TINH)

## (2) Military Staff Sect:

Chief: CPT SINH (SINH)

Asst Chief: CPT BINH (BINH)

Chief of Security Subsect: Sr LT DU (ZUWV)

Chief of MI and Recon Subsect: CPT QUY (QY)

## (3) Political Sect:

Chief: MAJ DAO (DAOL); 45 years old, 1.6 meters tall, weighed 50 kilograms, light complexion, bald, South Vietnamese, Party member; the last time that source had met DAO was in Jul 69

Asst Chief: MAJ THANH (THANH); North Vietnamese

Chief of the Propaganda and Training Subsect: Sr LT DUC  
(ZUCV)

Chief of the Organization Subsect: Sr LT VIET (VIEETV)

Chief of the Cadre Subsect: CPT HUA (HUWA); 45 years old, 1.6 meters tall, weighed 50 kilograms, medium complexion

## (4) Rear Svc Sect:

Chief: Dr CHAN (CHAAN)

Chief of the Financial Affairs Subsect: MAJ NGHIEM (NGHIEEMV)

Chief of the Military Provisions Subsect: KHAM (KHAAM)

Chief of the Armament Subsect: Sr LT TAI (TAIL)

## (5) TRIEU PHONG Dist:

Secretary of the District Party Committee: DUNG (ZUNG); 45 years old, 1.5 meters tall, weighed 56 kilograms, medium complexion, regroupee, Party member

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Chief of the District Unit: Sr LT NAM (NEAM); 45 years old, 1.6 meters tall, weighed 50 kilograms, medium complexion, regroupee, Party member

Chief of the Finance and Economy Sect: QUANG (QANG)

PO of the District Unit: TAM (TAAM); concurrently Chief of the Military Proselyting Sect; 45 years old, 1.6 meters tall, weighed 48 kilograms, medium complexion, Party member

Asst PO of the District Unit: HOI (HOOIL)

## (6) HAI LANG Dist:

Chief of the Military Proselyting Sect: Sr LT BEO (BEOS); 50 years old, 1.6 meters tall, weighed 60 kilograms, medium complexion, regroupee, Party member

Asst Chief of the Military Proselyting Sect: Sr LT TINH (TINH); 38 years old, 1.6 meters tall, 50 kilograms, dark complexion, regroupee, Party member

## (7) QUANG HA Dist:

Chief of the Military Proselyting Sect: LY (LYS); 30 years old, 1.5 meters tall, medium complexion, regroupee, Party member

(C) COMMENTS: Source was cooperative throughout the interrogation. However, he seemed to be of below-average intelligence and, consequently, was not very attentive to what was being said.

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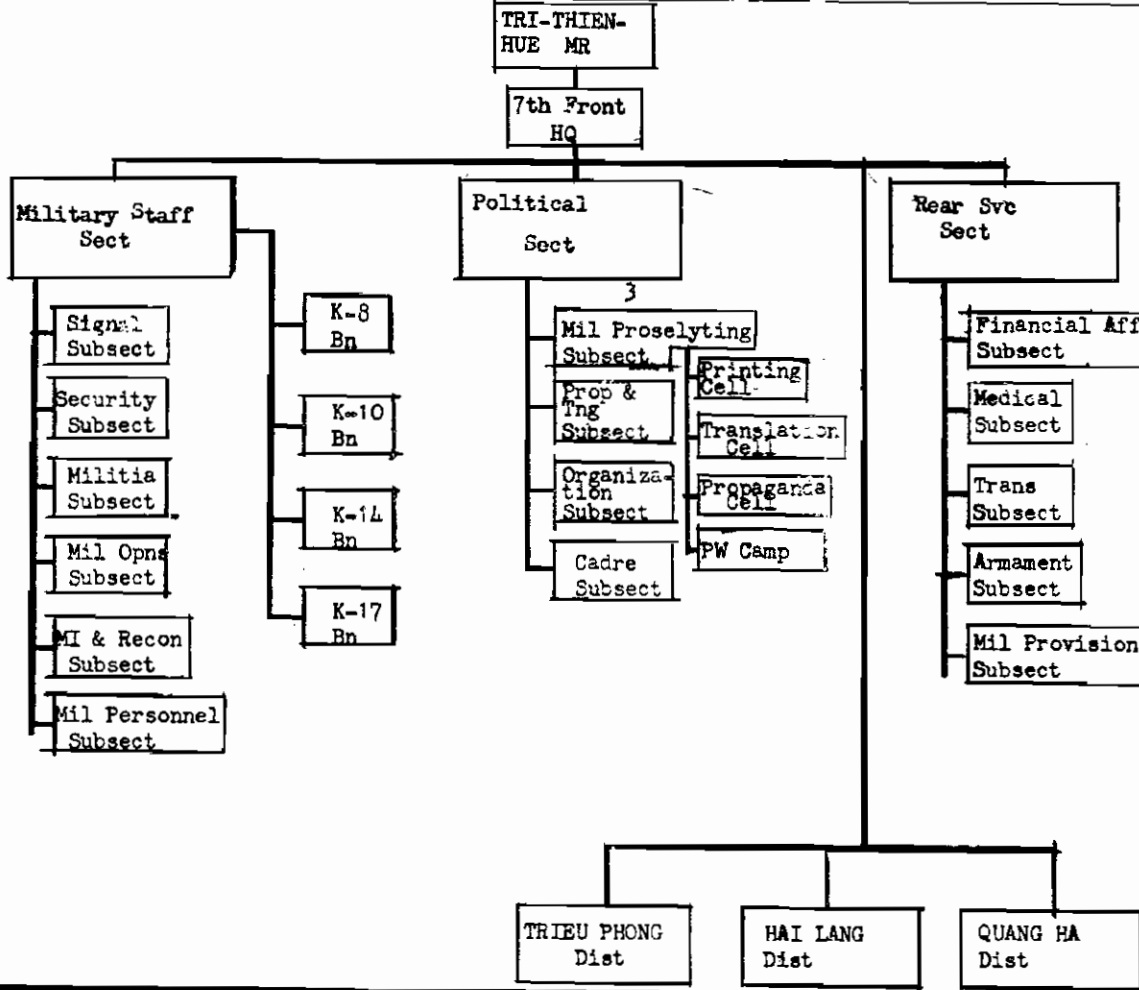
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Organization chart of the 7th Front, as provided by captive, PHAM TAN, CMIC 2953-70 (DOI: Jul 69)

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