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 ZEN/CG FOURTH MARDIV (CAMPEN)
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SECRET NOFORN SECTION 8 OF 10
 POLITICIAN SINCE 1937 WHO BRIEFLY HELD A CABINET POSITION IN THE
 FIRST DIEN GOVERNMENT BEFORE RESIGNING AND JOINING THE OPPOSITION.
 CHUONG IS ACTIVE IN THE ASIAN PEOPLES' ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE
 AND HAS SERVED ON THE COUNCIL OF NOTABLES AND NATIONAL LEGIS-
 LATIVE COUNCIL. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
 WHICH PRECEDED THE ELECTION LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE. CHUONG
 IS SAID TO BE CLOSE TO LEADERS OF THE UNIFIED BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION.
 BORN: 1907.

3. PHAN KHOANG, A WRITER, PROFESSOR, AND UNBOD

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(NATIONALIST PARTY) LEADER WHO WAS IMPRISONED FOR THREE YEARS UNDER DIEM. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE SAIGON BASED CHU LUC GROUP WHICH PUBLICIZES THE VIEWS OF THE CENTRAL VIETNAMESE FACTION OF THE VNQDD. KHOANG SERVED ON THE COUNCIL OF NOTABLES AND THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. BORN: 1907.

6. QUANG QUKIM, VAIKMAN OF THE "CAPITAL HOA HAO BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION" IN SAIGON AND RECENTLY A MEMBER OF THE "INSPECTION CORPS" OF THE "HOA HAO SECURITY FORCE". HE IS A FIGURE OF APPARENTLY MINOR POLITICAL IMPORTANCE; SOUTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS RECENTLY HAD TROUBLE IDENTIFYING HIM.

7. HUYNH VAN NHIEM, A LONG TIME MEMBER OF THE HOA HAO WHO SERVED IN ITS MILITARY FORCES. HE HELD A CABINET POSITION IN THE DIEM GOVERNMENT BUT WAS PUT UNDER HOUSE ARREST AFTER THE HOA HAO REBELLION OF 1955. NHIEM WAS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND IS CHAIRMAN OF THE "HOA HAO SECURITY FORCES". HE PARTICIPATED IN THE NATIONAL POLITICAL CONGRESS. BORN: 1902.

8. NGUYEN LUU VIEN, A PHYSICIAN AND LONGTIME POLITICIAN WHO SERVED BRIEFLY IN THE DIEM GOVERNMENT BEFORE ENGAGING IN OPPOSITION ACTIVITIES. HE WAS MINISTER OF INTERIOR

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IN THE KHANH GOVERNMENT (VIEN IS KHANH'S UNCLE)
AND WAS DEPUTY

PRIME MINISTER UNDER HUONG. VIEN WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF NOTABLES. HE PARTICIPATED IN THE NATIONAL POLITICAL CONGRESS AND THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF 23 APRIL WHICH PRECEDED THE ELECTION LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE. ALTHOUGH A BUDDHIST. VIEN IS KNOWN TO OPPOSE STRONGLY THE VIEN HOA DAO, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE INSTITUTE BROUGHT ABOUT THE DOWNFALL OF HIS OLD FRIEND, PRIME MINISTER TRAN VAN HUONG. BORN: 1919.

9. NGUYEN VAN HUYEN, A LAWYER WHO PARTICIPATED IN A MODERATE CATHOLIC OPPOSITION GROUP AND THE CHRISTIAN SOCIETY OF VIETNAM DURING THE DIEM REGIME. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF NOTABLES AND THE HIGH NATIONAL COUNCIL. HUYEN HAS BEEN ACTIVE THROUGHOUT ALL PHASES OF THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. HE HAS OCCASIONALLY BEEN RUMORED TO HAVE COMMUNIST CONNECTIONS.

10. VU NGOC TRAN, A FORMER MAGISTRATE WHO HELD A MINOR POST IN THE HO CHI MINH GOVERNMENT (1945) AND SERVED IN TWO BOI DAI GOVERNMENTS. TRAN WAS ACTIVE IN CATHOLIC GROUPS IN NORTH VIETNAM IN THE EARLY 1950'S. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN ALL

THREE BODIES ENGAGED IN PREPARATIONS FOR NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION. BORN: 1904.

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B. THE AMOUNTS OF INDIVIDUAL PAYMENTS ARE WITHIN THE JUDGEMENT OF UNIT COMMANDERS. HOWEVER, PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF 1,000 PIASTERS MUST BE JUSTIFIED IN WRITING UPON SUBMISSION OF MONETARY VOUCHERS.

(E) BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON THE NEW CIVILIAN MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE DIRECTORY

1. TRAN VAN DO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER THE DIEM, QUAT, AND KY GOVERNMENTS, BUT A RELATIVELY INACTIVE "ATTENTISTE" (OFTEN TRANSLATED AS "FENCE-SITTER") FROM APRIL 1955 UNTIL DECEMBER 1963 WHEN HE WAS NAMED TO THE SHORT-LIVED ADVISORY COUNCIL OF NOTABLES. HE APPARENTLY REFUSED PRIME MINISTER TRAN VAN HUONG'S (PREMIER FROM 27 AUG TO 5 NOV 1964-CURRENTLY COMMANDER IN CHIEF, RVNAF) OFFER OF A CABINET POST IN NOVEMBER 1964 BECAUSE THE LATTER WOULD NOT DISCUSS HIS PLANS FOR A PROGRAM AND COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT. DO HAS CALLED HIMSELF AN AGNOSTIC, BUT HE HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE CONTACT WITH BUDDHIST GROUPS AND HAS SAID THAT THEY ARE THE BEST POSSIBLE POLITICAL BASE FOR A SOUND ADMINISTRATION. HE DID NOT ASSOCIATE HIMSELF DIRECTLY WITH THE MORE EXTREME BUDDHIST CRITICISM OF THE HUONG GOVERNMENT, BUT HE APPARENTLY FELT THAT THE

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PRIME MINISTER'S RESIGNATION WAS THE ONLY WAY TO SETTLE THE BUDDHIST CONFRONTATION. DO IS KNOWN MORE AS AN ABLE CONCILIATOR THAN AS A STRONG LEADER AND IS AN INTELLIGENT AND CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR. HE IS MADAM NGO DINH NHU'S UNCLE. BORN: 1905.

2. TRAN VAN AN, AN OLD TIME POLITICIAN WHO HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH MOST POLITICAL GROUPINGS. AN WAS CHIEU HOI MINISTER IN THE QUAT GOVERNMENT. HE NOW REPRESENTS THE CAO DAI AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE THROUGHOUT ALL PHASES OF THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. HE IS NOW THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTION LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE. BORN: 1903.

3. VAN THANK CAO, A FORMER CAO DAI "GENERAL", WHO SUCCEEDED CAO DAI LEADER TRINH MINH THE IN 1955. HE WAS RETAINED ON ARMY ROLLS BY DIEM REGIME AND SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF ANTI-GUERRILLA WARFARE AND AS DELEGATE TO THE EASTERN MEKONG DELTA PROVINCES. THE DIRECTORY RECENTLY TURNED DOWN HIS REQUEST THAT HIS RANK OF GENERAL BE REINSTATED. HE PARTICIPATED IN THE NATIONAL POLITICAL CONGRESS AND IS A MEMBER OF THE ELECTION LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE. BORN: 1923.

4. PHAM KUU CHUONG, A PHYSICIAN AND ACTIVE

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PERSONALITIES INVOLVED IN PRESENT CRISIS

24 JUNE 1966

Gen THIEU - Chief of State

Gen KY - Prime Minister

LtGen CO - Deputy Prime Minister for Defense

LtGen DINH - Relieved MGen CHUAN as I Corps Commander. Presently in Saigon.

LtGen THI - Former I Corps Commander. Presently in Danang.

LtGen Cao Van VIEN - Chief of Joint General Staff

MGen CHUAN - Relieved Gen THI as I Corps Commander. Presently in Saigon.

MGen Hnyinh Van CAO - Former I Corps Commander. Has returned to Saigon.

Gen PHONG - C/S for I Corps (for Tactical Operations) for Gen CAO. Has returned to Saigon.

BGen NHUAN - Former 1st Division Commander. Moved to Saigon with family.

BGen LAM - New CG I Corps. Still CG 2nd Division.

Col TRUONG - New Commander 1st ARVN Division.

Col YEN - Commands Marine TF.

Col YEU - Former Commander of Special Sector (Quang Nam). Relieved. Presently in Saigon.

Col Nguyen Ngoc LOAN - Director General of National Police. Apparently hatchet man for Gen KY. Presently in Hue in charge of Police Forces.

Col NGHI - C/S I Corps

LtCol LAP - New Commander Quang Nam Sector. Former Commander 51st Regt.

LtCol KHOA - Mayor of Hue/Thua Thien Province Chief.

Col TOAN - Deputy Division Commander 1st Division. Was Commanding Officer 4th ARMD Regt.

Tri QUANG - Buddhist organizer and apparent head of Buddhist struggle move.
Official title - Chairman of High Clerical Council-UBA. Moved
by Police from Hue to Saigon.

Tam CHAU - Head of Buddhist Institute. Split with militant Buddhist after
relief of Gen THI. Generally a moderating influence.

Tinh KHIET - Figurehead of United Buddhist Association.

Thien MINH - Chairman Vietnamese Buddhist Forces Commissioner of Youth
Buddhist Institute.

LtCol CUONG - Mayor of Danang.

Dr. CHI - Province Chief Quang Nam Province.

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CHRONOLOGY OF POLITICAL UNREST IN I CORPS - 9 MARCH TO 14 APRIL 1966

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INCIDENT/EVENT</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>
9 MAR 66	SAIGON	LODGE AND KY DISCUSSED POSSIBLE RELIEF OF GEN THI. KY STATED HE INTENDED TO RELIEVE THI AT DIRECTORATE MEETING 10 MAR.	SAIGON/STATE 3260 090745Z SAIGON/STATE 3265 091105Z
10 MAR	SAIGON	GEN NGUYEN THI REMOVED AS I CORPS COMMANDER AT DIRECTORATE MEETING IN SAIGON. GEN NGUYEN CHUAN SUCCEEDED GEN THI AS I CORPS COMMANDER, GEN THI RE- MAINS IN SAIGON.	SAIGON/STATE 3277 100844Z SAIGON/STATE 3291 110401Z
11 MAR	DANANG	DOCTOR NGUYEN VAN MAN, MAYOR OF DANANG, ATTEMPTED TO RESIGN. REFUSED BY GEN CHUAN. MILITARY CIVILIAN STRUGGLE COMMITTEE BEGAN TO PLAN FORMATION OF RALLIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS, INITIAL DEMANDS TO REINSTATE GEN THI. DEMONSTRATIONS COMMENCED AT 1600 IN DANANG. DEMONSTRATIONS DISPERSED PEACEABLY. GENERAL STRIKE CALLED FOR COMMENCING ON 14 MARCH FOR FOUR DAYS.	CG III MAF 200956Z (MCEO)
12 MAR	DANANG	COL TAM QUANG YEU MILITARY COMMANDER OF QUANG NAM SPE- CIAL SECTION TOOK OVER AUTHORITY OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE CHIEF. DANANG RADIO STATION TAKEN OVER BY EITHER STRUGGLE GROUP OR MILITARY UNDER COL YEU'S ORDERS.	CG III MAF 200956Z (MCEO)

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THREE RALLIES DURING DAY. THEMES REINSTATE THI, REPLACE CENTRAL GOVT. RALLIES DRAW CROWDS BETWEEN 1800-2500 PERSONNEL, APPROXIMATELY 25% ARVN ENLISTED. ALL DEMONSTRATIONS ORDERLY. HOI AN RADIO STATION TAKEN OVER BY STRUGGLE FORCES. ORDERLY DEMONSTRATIONS HELD.

12 MAR

HUE

STUDENTS GATHERED TO PROTEST THI REMOVAL. BOYCOTTED CLASSES. APPROXIMATELY 1,000 PERSONS IN DEMONSTRATION.

CG III MAF
20-0956Z (C) MCEO

13 MAR

DANANG

GENERAL STRIKE COMMENCED AT 0700. RALLY HELD FROM 1500-1800, APPROXIMATELY 2,000 PEOPLE. PEOPLE ON STREET PASSING RUMOR THAT AMERICANS WERE BEHIND THI OUSTER.

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HUE

HUE QUIET.

15 MAR

DANANG

STRIKE CONTINUED IN DANANG. ROADBLOCKS ESTABLISHED TO STOP WORKERS TRAVELING TOWARD U. S. INSTALLATIONS. ONLY 50% OF INDIGENOUS LABORERS EMPLOYED BY III MAF SHOWED UP.

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HUE QUIET. UNIVERSITY REMAINS CLOSED. STUDENT
LEADERS CALL FOR STRIKE ON 16TH.

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16 MAR

DANANG

GENERAL STRIKE OVER. CITY APPEARED NORMAL. GENERAL
THI ARRIVED FROM SAIGON, MOTORED TO DANANG. RALLY
HELD AND THI MADE SPEECH, (NON COMMITTAL, LEFT FUTURE
OPEN), CROWD DISPERSED PEACEABLY. THI ACCOMPANIED
BY GEN PHAM VAN LIEU, NATIONAL POLICE DIRECTOR.

CG III MAF
200956Z (C) MCEO

16 MAR

HUE

LARGE RALLY HELD. CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY 10,000.
DEMONSTRATION ORDERLY

CG III MAF
200956Z (C) MCEO

17 MAR

HUE

GEN THI DEPARTED DANANG AND WENT TO HUE. VISITED
1ST DIVISION HEADQUARTERS.

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18 MAR

DANANG

GEN THI RETURNED FROM HUE. STRIKE HAD BEGUN AGAIN
AT 1400. MOST WORKERS LEFT U.S. BASES. THI MADE
SPEECH TO LARGE RALLY AT 1700 ALONG WITH THREE
"STRUGGLE GROUP SPEAKERS". THI SUGGESTED THAT THE
STRUGGLE BE CONDUCTED ALONG ORDERLY LINES.

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SAIGON/STATE 3394
181250Z

19 MAR

DANANG

GEN THI DEPARTED DANANG FOR HOI AN. BUDDHISTS CON-
DUCTED RALLY AT 1600 TO EXPLAIN 3 POINTS ISSUED BY

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SAIGON BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION. ACTIVITY ORDERLY.

20 MAR

DANANG

GEN THI's LOCATION UNKNOWN. DANANG QUIET.

SAIGON/STATE 3430
211145Z

HUE

STRUGGLE COMMITTEE DAILY "BROADCAST" (FROM MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BUILDING BY PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM) TO CROWD OF 1000 STRUCK NEW THEME PROTESTING AMERICAN INFRINGEMENT IN VIETNAMESE SOVEREIGNTY. NEW GENERAL STRIKE CALLED FOR MARCH 24.

CG III MAF
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21 MAR

HUE

SITUATION CALM WITH REPORTS THAT INTENSIFIED AGITATION IS TO BE EXPECTED IN NEXT FEW DAYS. NO REPEAT OF "ANTI-AMERICAN" BROADCAST OF THE 20TH. PRIMARY SCHOOLS REOPENED, HOWEVER, HIGH SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITY CLOSED.

SAIGON/STATE 3447
221110Z

21 MAR

DANANG

SITUATION CALM. CYCLO DRIVERS HELD QUIET DEMONSTRATION. PORT AND FACILITIES FUNCTIONING BUT SCHOOLS NOT IN SESSION.

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22 MAR

HUE

CROWD OF 2500 ASSEMBLED AT RADIO HUE AND SMALL DELEGATION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ENTERED WITHOUT OPPOSITION. LOUDSPEAKER TRUCK ANNOUNCED STATION

SAIGON/STATE 3449
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SAIGON/STATE 3450
221415Z

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HAD BEEN TAKEN OVER AND SINCE GOVT HAD REFUSED TO
RESPOND TO PEACEFUL STRUGGLE THAT MORE FORCEFUL STEPS
MUST BE TAKEN. STATEMENTS MADE ON RADIO CRITICIZING
THIEU AND CO AND THAT STRUGGLE GROUP WOULD MAKE AN-
NOUNCEMENTS EVERYDAY BETWEEN HOURS 1130-1230 AND
1800-1900.

DANANG

QUIET.

23 MAR

HUE

STUDENTS CONTINUE IN CONTROL OF RADIO STATION.

CG FMFPAC
250521Z

DANANG

APPROXIMATELY 3000 VN ATTENDED A RALLY FROM 0900
TO 1045 SPONSORED BY STRUGGLE COMMITTEE. RALLY
WAS ORDERLY AND THEME WAS ANTI THIEU AND ANTI KY
WITH ANTI U.S. OVERTONES. A LARGE NUMBER OF VN
EMPLOYEES OF RMK AND U.S. MILITARY FAILED TO WORK
IN SUPPORT OF GENERAL STRIKE FOR 23 AND 24 MARCH.
DURING THE AFTERNOON, 3000 PERSONS (1/3 OF THEM
ARVN SOLDIERS) ENGAGED IN DEMONSTRATION WITH ANTI
U.S. OVERTONES.

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24 MAR

HUE

SITUATION CALMER THAN 23RD WITH RESUMPTION OF
NORMAL COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY AND NO DEMONSTRATIONS.

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RADIO HUE STRUGGLE GROUP ACCORDED KY BETTER TREAT-
MENT AFTER HIS SPEECH OF THE 22ND. THIEU AND CO
MAIN SUBJECTS OF ATTACK. STUDENT MEETING DREW ONLY
300.

DANANG

STRUGGLE GROUP SET UP ROAD BLOCKS IN ATTEMPT TO
DISSUADE LABORERS FROM GOING TO PLACE OF WORK.
ONLY PARTIALLY EFFECTIVE. OTHERWISE NOTHING ELSE
SIGNIFICANT REPORTED.

25 MAR

HUE

CITY CALM; SHOPS OPEN AND TRANSPORTATION OPERATING
NORMALLY.

CG FMFPAC
280749Z

DANANG

QUIET.

26 MAR

HUE

A MARINE ON A WORKING PARTY TORE DOWN AN ANTI-
AMERICAN BANNER. PERSONAL APOLOGY BY THE MARINE
WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY STRUGGLE COMMITTEE, WHO STATED
THEY WOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AMERICAN LIVES OR
PROPERTY IN HUE UNLESS (1) MARINE MAKES PUBLIC
APOLOGY (2) MARINE PUTS BANNER BACK UP, AND (3) U.S.
MILITARY ISSUES ORDERS THAT MARINES ARE NOT TO INTER-
FERE WITH DEMONSTRATIONS OR TEAR DOWN BANNERS. PRO-
VINCE CHIEF INFORMED BY U.S. CONSUL, HUE THAT NO

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DANANG

PUBLIC SPECTACLE WILL BE MADE OF ANY U.S. MARINE.

A SMALL PRO-THI DEMONSTRATION OF ABOUT 100 STUDENTS WAS HELD IN DANANG AT 1730 WITH BANNERS AND LOUD-SPEAKER TRUCK. RALLY TERMINATED AT 1930 WITHOUT INCIDENT.

27 MAR

HUE

10,000 IN ORDERLY DEMONSTRATION w/ANTI-GOVT BANNERS (400 ARVN SOLDIERS IN UNIFORM PARADED). RADIO HUE MADE THREATS AGAINST U.S. INSTALLATIONS AS A RESULT OF MARINE TEARING DOWN A PROVOCATIVE BANNER, DENOUNCING THE U.S. IN ENGLISH. A RECORDED STATEMENT BY BUDDHIST INSTITUTE CHAIRMAN THICH TAM CHAU WAS BROADCAST URGING CALM AND DELAY TO SEE IF GOVT PROMISES MATERIALIZE. LOUDSPEAKERS WERE USED FROM AN ARVN AIRBORNE UNIT IN AN ATTEMPT TO DISSUADE SOLDIERS FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS.

CG FMFPAC
290648Z

DANANG

NO ACTION REPORTED.

29 MAR

HUE

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY RETURNED TO NORMAL w/STRIKE OF TRANSPORTATION WORKERS SCHEDULED FOR 30TH. 1ST CORPS

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291124

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BUDDHIST CHAPLAINS MADE PUBLIC A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR STRONG ACTION BY SOLDIERS IF: (1) NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY NOT ELECTED, (2) PUNITIVE ACTION IS TAKEN AGAINST 1ST CORPS SOLDIERS, (3) "AMERICANS LIVING IN SVN CONTINUE THEIR PROVOCATIONS".

29 MAR

DANANG

NO ACTIVITY REPORTED.

30 MAR

HUE

POLICE CHIEF w/SOME 500 UNIFORMED POLICEMEN AND SOME 50 VEHICLES PARADED CARRYING SIGNS "DOWN w/U.S. POLICY OF MONITORING THE SUMMONING OF THE VIETNAM PARLIAMENT". CEASED UNLOADING SHIPS AT 1415.

CG III MAF
301454Z (MCEO)

DANANG

400 VEHICLES CARRYING SIGNS DENOUNCING GOVT AND ACCUSING U.S. OF PREVENTING ELECTIONS PARADED IN DANANG. USMC TRUCK ATTEMPTED TO PASS BETWEEN TWO VEHICLES AND SCRAPPED BUMPER. LOUDSPEAKER PROCLAIMED 2 VN HAD BEEN KILLED AND CROWD GATHERED AROUND TRUCK. MARINES IN TRUCK STOOD UP, LOCKED AND LOADED WEAPONS AND MOB DISPERSED ALLOWING TRUCK TO PROCEED. SOME 2,000 PERSONS GATHERED IN FRONT OF USMC BILLET AND DEMANDED TO SEE U.S. CONSUL AND III MAF CG.

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MILITARY TRAFFIC IN DANANG SUSPENDED AT 301245Z.

CG III MAF
301454Z (MCEO)

III MAF SUSPENDED SHIP UNLOADING UNTIL 301900.

GENERAL

1ST CORPS COMMANDER, GEN CHUAN REPORTED THAT SITUATION
IN HIS AREA WAS NOT OUT OF CONTROL.

31 MAR

HUE

A "SIZEABLE", ORDERLY DEMONSTRATION WITHOUT INCIDENTS
WAS CONDUCTED.

CG III MAF
311420Z (MCEO)

DANANG

CITY QUIET THROUGHOUT NIGHT. SMALL VEHICLE DEMON-
STRATION HELD AT 0830 OF ABOUT 50 TO 60 VEHICLES.
ACTIVITY WAS ORDERLY AND NO INCIDENTS. LARGE DEMON-
STRATION TOOK PLACE AT 1600 WITH ESTIMATED 400 VEHICLES
AND CROWD OF ABOUT 1000 IN CENTER OF DANANG. NO IN-
CIDENTS. NO MILITARY SHIP UNLOADING DURING DAY 0700-1900.

1 APR

HUE

GEN CHIEU, STAYING WITH GEN THI IN HUE, WAS TAKEN
HOSTAGE BY A CROWD OF 7-8,000 PEOPLE. TAKEN TO
RADIO STATION AND MADE SPEECH, GENERALLY FAVORABLE
TO STRUGGLE GROUP. AGREED TO REMAIN IN HUE.

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SAIGON STATE 3633
010738Z (C)

DANANG

APPROXIMATELY 2500 PEOPLE GATHERED AT THE MAIN PAGODA
AND DEMONSTRATED PEACEFULLY. SHIP UNLOADING AT NIGHT.
III MAF REQUEST ARVN GUARDS AT U.S. INSTALLATIONS.

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2 APR

HUE

APPROXIMATELY 5,000 PEOPLE INCLUDING 2,000 ARVN SOLDIERS AND 600 NATIONAL POLICE IN UNIFORM, GATHERED TO PROTEST. GEN CHIEU DEPARTED HUE FOR SAIGON AT 021330H.

CG FMFPAC
040720Z (S)

CIA 2APR66 (C)

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3 APR

SAIGON

PRIME MINISTER KY, DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE, STATED THAT DANANG WAS IN COMMUNIST HANDS, THE GVN WOULD ORGANIZE AN OPERATION TO RETAKE DANANG, AND MAYOR MAN WOULD BE SHOT WITHOUT TRIAL.

SAIGON/STATE 3691
031345Z

4 APR

HUE

LEADER OF A PARADE OF 2-4,000 PEOPLE IN HUE PRESENTED A DECLARATION BY "FORCES OF EDUCATORS STRUGGLING FOR DEMOCRACY" AND ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT U.S., TO A CONSULATE REP. HUE RADIO ADVISED ALL STUDENTS AND CIVILIANS TO ARM THEMSELVES.

SAIGON/STATE 3712
041451Z (C)

DANANG

DANANG RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT IF KY SENT TROOPS THEY WOULD MEET RESISTANCE. RF ROADBLOCKS SET UP IN TOWN. PORT OPNS AT DANANG WERE SUSPENDED AT 1839H AND RIOT CONTROL UNITS OF III MAF PLACED ON ALERT. ALL TROOPS RESTRICTED TO BILLETS OR DUTY STATIONS, ALL VEHICLES

III MAF
041446Z (MCE0)

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FROM PUBLIC ROADS.

5 APR

DANANG

TWO BNS OF VNMC ARRIVED DANANG AB BY US ACFT EVENING OF 4 APRIL. A THIRD BN REPORTED READY TO LEAVE SAIGON FOR DANANG. ELEMENT OF 51ST ARVN REGT, 11TH AND 37TH RANGERS WERE CLOSING DANANG FROM SOUTH. TANKS AND TROOPS FROM 1ST DIVISION MOVED TO POSITION JUST SOUTH OF HUE. GEN NHUAN HAD MEETING WITH 1ST DIV OFFICERS, AGREED TO SUPPORT STRUGGLE MOVEMENT. PREMIER KY ARRIVED DANANG WITH GEN CO AND GEN VIEN. KY TALKED TO GEN CHUAN, MADE SPEECH STATING HE HAD BEEN WRONG ABOUT DANANG BEING UNDER COMMUNIST CONTROL. DEPARTED DANANG APPROXIMATELY 1700, GEN CO REMAINED IN DANANG. PERSONNEL AND VEHICLE RESTRICTION FOR III MAF REMAIN IN EFFECT. ADVISORS TO 1ST ARVN DIV UNITS EVACUATED AS DIRECTED BY MACV. A THIRD BN OF VNMC CLOSED DANANG BY VNAF ACFT ON THE 5TH.

III MAF
051230Z (MCE0)
SAIGON/STATE
050720Z (C)
CG FMFPAC
050730Z
COMUSMACV
051343Z

6 APR

DANANG

CONFLICTING REPORTS INDICATED GEN CO BEING HELD

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061410Z (C)

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DANANG

PRISONER BY GEN CHUAN IN DANANG. 1ST ARVN DIV
UNITS WHICH HAD DEPLOYED TOWARD DANANG WERE REPORTED
MOVING BACK TO TACTICAL POSITIONS AGAINST THE VC.
FIVE ARVN TANKS ARRIVED DANANG AB FROM SAIGON. FIVE
MORE DUE TO ARRIVE.

CG III MAF
060032Z (MCEO)

COL NGUYEN NGOC LOAN FLEW TO DANANG TO ASSUME
COMMAND OF TROOPS ON THE AIR BASE. (LOAN HAD
PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN DANANG BUT RETURNED TO SAIGON
FOR A SHORT TIME ON 6 APRIL TO REPORT CO'S ARREST
BY CHUAN). GEN NHUAN REQUESTED THAT U.S. ADVISORS
BE RETURNED TO 1ST ARVN DIV.

CIA 061300Z (C)
CIA 061017Z (C)

GEN CO MADE PHONE CALL TO WESTMORELAND FROM GEN
WALT'S QUARTERS TO PROVE HE WAS NOT PRISONER OF GEN
CHUAN AND THAT THINGS WERE IN GOOD HANDS IN I CORPS.
COL LOAN REQUESTED 10 BLOCKS OF EXPLOSIVES AND DELAY
DETONATORS. CG III MAF SUSPECTING THE POSSIBILITY OF
FAKE ATTACK AGAINST BASE INFORMED GEN WESTMORELAND,
CONTACTED SENIOR OFFICER OF VN MARINE BATTALIONS AND
WAS ASSURED THEY WOULD NOT RESPOND TO A FAKE ATTACK.

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070810Z (MCEO)

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COL LOAN AGREED NOT TO PRECIPITATE ACTION.

DANANG REMAINED TENSE DURING NIGHT. ROADBLOCKS WITH MACHINE GUNS MANNED.

ALMOST ALL AMERICAN CIVILIANS EXCEPT A LIMITED CONSULATE STAFF WERE EVACUATED TO USMC BASES AT PHU BAI AND DANANG.

SAIGON/STATE 3769
061410Z (C)

7 APR

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RADIO BROADCAST IN ENGLISH. THEME ANTI AMERICAN. STUDENTS WILL FORM MILITIA TO FREE DANANG. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY SINCE 1ST ARVN DIV RETURNED TO TACTICAL POSITIONS.

CG III MAF
071524Z (MCEO)

DANANG

AFTER MEETING WITH GEN CHUAN AND GEN CO, III MAF ASSESSED THE SITUATION AS FOLLOWS: FEEL BUDDHISTS ARE BEHIND PRESENT PROBLEMS. SOME INDICATIONS OF VC INVOLVEMENT. CHUAN AND CO FEEL KEY LEADERS IN SAIGON DO NOT UNDERSTAND SITUATION. CO MAY BE RECALLED TO SAIGON. CHUAN UNHAPPY ABOUT PRESENCE OF COL LOAN. CHUAN HAS NO EVIDENCE THAN GEN THI IS INVOLVED IN SITUATION. ACTUAL SITUATION IN DANANG; QUIET IN MORNING; IN AFTER-NOON VNAF SET RED ALERT. MORE ROADBLOCKS ESTABLISHED. U.S. VEHICLES (MP AND CONSUL) DETAINED, BUT LATER ALLOWED TO PASS. BROADCAST TRUCKS URGED KEEPING AMERICANS IN CITY (AS

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HOSTAGES). VNAF BUZZED DANANG.

ONE VNMC BN WAS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO SAIGON

CIA 071538Z (S)

BUT THE MOVEMENT WAS CANCELLED WHEN THE ALERT WAS

ISSUED.

PRIME MINISTER KY REQUESTED AIRLIFT FOR TWO RANGER

COMUSMACV
071210Z (S)

BNS TO DANANG. COMUSMACV DID NOT PROVIDE.

8 APR

AN ARVN BUDDHIST CHAPLAIN SPONSORED A DEMONSTRATION

CIA 090955Z (C)

BY 2-3,000 STUDENTS IN HOI AN. THE STRUGGLE

COMMITTEE AND BUDDHISTS HAVE MUSTERED 3-4 COMPANIES

ARMED WITH BARS, CARBINES AND GRENADES IN HOI AN.

THE QUANG NAM PROVINCE CHIEF HAS ISSUED 10,000

PIASTERS AND FOOD SUPPLIES TO THE STRUGGLE COMMITTEE.

THE MACV ADVISOR TO G-2, 1ST ARVN DIVISION, REPORTED

SAIGON/STATE 3802
080715Z (C)

THAT THE CO OF 2D BN, 3D REGT ASKED HIS U.S. ADVISOR

SAIGON/STATE 3807
081555Z (C)

TO LEAVE THE BN CP AND RETURN TO REGT HQ. BN XO TOLD

THE ADVISOR THE UNIT MAY HAVE TO LEAVE FOR "DISTANT

LOCATION" ON SHORT NOTICE. WHEN COL BOSTON (SA TO 1ST

ARVN DIV) AND AMCONSUL HUE (CORCORAN) REQUESTED AN EX-

PLANATION FROM GEN NHUAN HE CLAIMED A MISUNDERSTANDING.

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U.S. ADVISORS HAVE RETURNED TO THE 3D REGT, 1ST
ARVN DIV.

FONCON NMCC
080105R (S)

COL LOAN WENT TO SAIGON TO CONFER WITH KY.

CIA 081418Z (C)

GEN CO REQUESTED AIR TRANSPORTATION TO SAIGON
TO ATTEMPT TO GET VNMCC BN'S MOVED BACK TO SAIGON.

CG III MAF
081926Z (MCEO)

CG III MAF CONTACTED GEN WESTMORELAND WHO DIRECTED
HIM FURNISH ACFT. CO THEN SENT CHUAN IN HIS PLACE.

CG III MAF REPORTED TO MACV THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN
VN OFFICERS OF AN ATTACK ON DANANG. MACV DIRECTED
III MAF TO BE PREPARED TO EVACUATE CIVILIANS AND
MILITARY FROM DANANG CITY. CG III MAF FURTHER DIRECTED
TO USE OWN BEST JUDGEMENT AS TO WHEN TO EVACUATE THEM.

GEN CO STATED HE DID NOT DESIRE TO GO TO SAIGON, BUT
LATER DEPARTED ABOUT 1830 FOR SAIGON. HE WAS ABOUT 5
MINUTES AHEAD OF A COMPANY FROM THE 11TH RANGER BN WHO
WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT HE GOT AWAY. LATE IN AFTERNOON
MACV REQUESTED III MAF RECOMMENDATION ON EVACUATION.

DURING DAY, VNAF ACFT REPEATEDLY "BUZZED" I CORPS AND
VN NAVAL BASE. DURING THE EVENING GEN WESTMORELAND
NOTIFIED III MAF THAT GEN CHUAN HAD BEEN RELIEVED OF

CG III MAF
091344Z (MCEO)

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COMMAND OF I CORPS BY DIRECTORATE, THAN GEN DINH
WOULD TAKE COMMAND ABOUT THE 10TH, THAT THE MARINES
WOULD NOT BE WITHDRAWN BUT TWO RANGER BATTALIONS
WOULD BE FLOWN IN TO REINFORCE THEM AND THAT THE AM-
BASSADOR HAD DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO EVACUATE THE U.S.
CITIZENS FROM DANANG.

9 APR

DANANG

COMMENCING 090800H, 221 U.S. CIVILIANS AND 484
MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE EVACUATED FROM DANANG TO
MARBLE MOUNTAIN AF. THE EVACUATION WAS CONDUCTED
WITHOUT INCIDENT.

CG FMFPAC
100523Z (S)

A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN III MAF FORCES AND ARVN
APC'S AND 155-MM HOWITZERS MOVING TOWARD DANANG
FROM HOI AN DEVELOPED AFTER VNAF HAD ATTACKED ARVN
COLUMN INEFFECTUALLY. ARVN FORCE WITHDREW. (A
LATER REPORT INDICATED FORCES REMAINED 10 KM SOUTH
OF DANANG). CONFRONTATION ACTUALLY PROCEEDED TO
POINT OF III MAF INFORMING COL YEU, SPECIAL SECTOR
COMMANDER, THAT IF HIS HOWITZERS FIRED ON AIR BASE,
III MAF WOULD FIRE ON HOWITZERS, SINCE THEY WOULD BE

CG III MAF
091344Z (C) MCEO

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ENDANGERING U.S. LIVES AND SAFETY. (GUNS WERE LAYED, BUT ACTUAL INTENTIONS WERE TO FIRE 400 METERS FROM VN HOWITZERS).

NEWLY APPOINTED I CORPS COMMANDER, GEN DINH, MET WITH BUDDHIST LEADERS IN HUE.

CIA 100924Z (C)

10 APR

DANANG

APC SQDN AND A PLATOON OF 155 HOWITZERS LOCATED 10 KM SOUTH OF DANANG TO MOVE TO HOI AN AT FIRST LIGHT 11 APRIL.

CG FMFPAC
110730Z (S)

TWO RANGER BN'S REPORTED STANDING BY AT BIEN HOA AND TAN SON NHUT READY FOR MOVEMENT TO DANANG.

LOUDSPEAKER TRUCKS SAYING STRUGGLE FORCES APPRECIATE AMERICANS AND WILL ENSURE THEY ARE NOT HARMED. MANY ROADBLOCKS TAKEN DOWN. DEPOSED MAYOR, DR. MAN, REPORTED IN HIS OFFICE IN RANGER UNIFORM SURROUNDED BY MEMBERS OF RANGER BN's.

CG FMFPAC
110730Z (S)

DANANG VERY QUIET. AT 100900H, LTGEN DINH DROVE FROM AIR BASE TO I CORPS HQ TO TAKE COMMAND. AT 101415H III MAF DIRECTED RETURN INTO DANANG OF SUFFICIENT MILITARY PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE SECURITY OF MILITARY

CG III MAF
101420Z (S) MCEO

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BILLETS. ONE VNMC BN WAS FLOWN FROM DANANG TO QUANG
NGAI COMMENCING 101610H. NO KNOWN ROADBLOCKS IN DANANG.
STRUGGLE FORCES HQ APPEARS DESERTED.
APC'S AND HOWITZERS SOUTH OF DANANG WHICH WERE SUPPOSED
TO HAVE RETURNED TO HOI AN, STILL HAD NOT DONE SO AT
END OF PERIOD.

HUE

CITY QUIET THROUGHOUT THE DAY. GEN THI REPORTEDLY ILL. CG FMFPAC
110730Z (S)

11 APR

DANANG

GEN DINH REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE TWO BN'S
OF VNMC MOVED BACK TO SAIGON. FURTHER STATED THE FAILURE
TO MOVE ON THE PART OF THE TWO HOWITZERS AND THE APC'S
WAS A MISTAKE.

CG III MAF
111452Z (MCEO)

DANANG VERY QUIET. MOST ROADBLOCKS DOWN. POLICE AND
ARVN MP ONCE AGAIN PATROLING. MOST EVACUATED MILITARY
PERSONNEL RETURNED TO THEIR BILLETS. UNLOADING ALL DAY
IN DANANG EAST AND ACROSS BEACH.

JGS REQUESTED MOVE TWO VNMC BNS FROM DANANG BACK TO
SAIGON. COMMENCING 0730, 12 APRIL, USAF AND VNAF
WILL MOVE 2D AND 3D VNMC BNS FROM DANANG TO SAIGON.

SAIGON/STATE 3903
111205Z (C)

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III MAF RECEIVED ASSURANCE FROM GEN NHUAN THAT

CG III MAF
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UNLOADING COULD COMMENCE IN HUE ON THE 12TH AND THAT
HE WOULD PROVIDE SECURITY.

HOI AN

THE QUANG NAM PROVINCE CHIEF, DR. NGUYEN HUU CHI, WAS
TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE STRUGGLE COMMITTEE AND IS
HELD IN THE LOCAL PAGODA.

CIA 12APR66 (C)

12 APR

HUE

GEN DINH VISITED 1ST DIV CG, GEN NHUAN AND THE DONG DA
TRAINING CENTER.

SAIGON/STATE 3921
121250Z (C)

AT 1615 MR. NGUYEN NEO, CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT
WORKERS STRUGGLE FORCE, COMPLAINED TO CONSULATE THAT
U.S. MARINES HAD TORN SOME BANNERS WITH THEIR RIFLE
BUTTS.

A "STRUGGLE" MEETING BY ABOUT 4000 PERSONS ASSEMBLED
TO HEAR SPEECHES. ABOUT HALF DISPERSED BEFORE A
PARADE WAS FORMED, POSSIBLY FROM BOREDOM.

SAIGON/STATE 3919
121047Z (C)

DANANG

TRUCK DRIVERS AND OTHERS BACK AT WORK AND SOME ROAD-
BLOCKS REMOVED.

CG FMFPAC
121004Z (S)

1ST AND 2D ARVN DIVISIONS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO CON-
DUCT SIX OPERATIONS AGAINST VC, PUTTING MOST OF I CORPS
COMBAT TROOPS IN THE FIELD.

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2D AND 3D VNMC BNS WERE LIFTED FROM DANANG TO TAN

COMUSMACV
130420Z (C)

SON NHUT AS OF 121530H.

SHIP UNLOADING RECOMMENCED AT BOTH DANANG AND HUE.

CG FMFPAC
140626Z (S)

DEMONSTRATION DURING THE AFTERNOON PROTESTING NATIONAL
POLITICAL CONGRESS AS A PLOT OF THE THEIU-KY CLIQUE.

SAIGON/STATE 3950
131310Z (C)

VEHICULAR RESTRICTION REMOVED ON PUBLIC ROADS IN DANANG.

CG III MAF
121342Z (MCEO)

RESTRICTION OF PERSONNEL TO DUTY STATION OR BILLET

LIFTED. STILL NO LIBERTY.

13 APR

HUE

CONSUL REPORTED THAT NO CONFIRMED EVIDENCE HAS BEEN FOUND
THAT THE 12 APRIL INCIDENT, IN WHICH MARINES WERE AC-

SAIGON/STATE 3946
131205Z (C)

CUSED OF TEARING DOWN BANNERS, ACTUALLY OCCURRED.

STRUGGLE GROUP HAS INFORMED AT LEAST ONE JOURNALIST THAT

INCIDENT IS OF NO IMPORTANCE.

14 APR

HUE

THE ONLY DEMONSTRATION REPORTED IN I CORPS TOOK PLACE

COMUSMACV
141247Z (C)

IN HUE AND WAS CONCLUDED AT 1500H WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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14 APR	GENERAL	<p>NATIONAL POLITICAL CONGRESS MET IN SAIGON AND SIGNED DECREE CALLING FOR NATIONAL ELECTIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND PASSED FOLLOWING 10 POINT RECOMMENDATION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. REAFFIRMATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ITS PROVISIONAL CHARACTER AND OF ITS PLEDGE TO RESIGN AS SOON AS A CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY IS ELECTED.2. PROMISE OF GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY WITHIN FOUR MONTHS TIME.3. PROMISE TO CONVENE A BODY WITHIN 10 DAYS FROM YESTERDAY TO DRAFT AN ELECTION LAW AND TO SUPERVISE NATIONAL ELECTIONS.4. A PLEDGE THAT COMMUNIST AND NEUTRALIST ELEMENTS WOULD BE PREVENTED FROM INFILTRATING THE ASSEMBLY IN THE ELECTION.5. A PLEDGE TO CREATE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR POLITICAL PARTIES TO FUNCTION.6. GRANTING IMMEDIATE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.7. A PROMISE TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE THE POPULATION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS.	SAIGON/STATE 3985 141310Z

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8. A PROMISE NOT TO PUNISH ANYONE WHO TOOK PART IN THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIONS OF RECENT WEEKS.
9. A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL RELIGIOUS GROUPS AND PARTIES STOP CURRENT AGITATION.
10. A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL PARTIES AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS SUBSCRIBE TO A DECLARATION OF NATION UNITS.

MAJOR GENERAL LINH QUANG VIEN, FORMER CHIEF OF ARVN JOINT GENERAL STAFF, WAS APPOINTED MINISTER FOR SECURITY ON 13 APRIL, WITH MILITARY SECURITY, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL POLICE ALL UNDER HIS CONTROL. NATIONAL POLICE COMMANDER COLONEL LIEU IS RETAINING HIS POSITION, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING.

15 APR

HUE

RADIO HUE ON NIGHT OF 14 APR BROADCAST MESSAGE "SIGNED" BY COL DAM QUANG YEU, QUANG NAM SPECIAL SECTOR COMMANDER, CALLING FOR "ALL SOLDIERS TO STAND UP TO PROTEST AGAINST THIEU AND KY" AND ASKED AMERICANS TO "HELP US WISELY IN OUR WAR AGAINST COMMUNISTS". RADIO HUE CONTINUED ON 15 APR REJECTING

SAIGON/STATE 3998
150800Z
SAIGON/STATE 3999
150805Z

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The Generals' Retreat

As Saigon Junta Yields to Buddhists, Some Shining Hopes Are Shattered

By CHARLES MOHR
Special to The New York Times

SAIGON, April 14—The generals who rule South Vietnam were in full retreat today.

Among the baggage they were leaving behind on a littered political battlefield were some shining American hopes.

These included the hope that the Government of Air Vice Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky would accomplish a true social revolution in South Vietnam, secure the country-side militarily and hand power back

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to the people in a careful and gradual manner stretching over almost two years.

The ruling National Leadership Committee agreed to hold elections for a constitution-writing assembly in three to five months, and many observers did not believe that Premier Ky could hold on much past that election. Other observers doubt that he can last even that long since the powerful Buddhist church has already begun to call for his almost immediate resignation.

It was slightly more than two months ago that Premier Ky and President Johnson left their Honolulu conference in an atmosphere of exultation. How could Marshal Ky's political position have deteriorated so rapidly?

That position was inherently a weak one; the Premier had virtually no popular support. But this had not had time to show up in the few months he held office before arriving in Honolulu on Feb. 6.

Publicity Called Harmful

The publicity that Premier Ky received from the Honolulu meeting, much of it picturing him as being "embraced" by President Johnson, is widely regarded as having been harmful to him.

This weakened Marshal Ky for attacks from clever Buddhist monks only too willing to exploit a streak of natural xenophobia in the proud Vietnamese people.

It also helped to bring to a climax the long-simmering feud between the 35-year-old Premier and Lieut. Gen. Nguyen Chanh Thi, a fellow member of the 11-general junta and overlord of the five northern provinces.

Generals Ky and Thi were the officers with the best social and political instincts in the directory and the most ability to lead a complex military and political struggle against the Communists. However, both are often described as vain, erratic and impetuous. General Thi deeply resented the publicity Marshal Ky had received.

One United States official reports that the mere fact that the news magazine Time put Marshal Ky's picture on its cover was a considerable factor in the ultimate deterioration of the political situation because it put General Thi in a foul mood.

'What a Crazy Crisis'

"What a crazy crisis this has been," the official sighed.

Marshal Ky's decision to dismiss General Thi, which he took March 10, was at first painted by both United States and South Vietnamese officials as a long-thought-out one, based primarily on a desire to strengthen the central Government's control over regional commands. As now reconstructed, the sequence of events seems somewhat different.

Earlier in March the Premier made a visit to the I Army Corps area, which General Thi commanded. The general, in a bad mood because of Honolulu, helped to humiliate Marshal Ky in a public meeting, berating the Government as inept. Then General Thi's civilian deputy for political affairs did the same thing in even more insulting terms.

On the following Wednesday, March 9, Marshal Ky informed United States Embassy officials that he was planning to purge General Thi on the following day and that he had the votes in the junta to do it. More important, he told the United States officials that he had taken "careful soundings" among Buddhist and other leaders and that he had concluded that the general's supposed political strength in the five northern provinces was a myth.

The embassy officials had little time to do their own

checking but, at least until Marshal Ky's action began to go dramatically sour, they left the impression that they agreed with his assessment and applauded the move against General Thi.

Delicate Mechanism

The same officials had previously said that the junta was a delicately balanced mechanism and that the generals realized that they could not afford to fight among themselves.

The moment General Thi was pushed out, the delicate mechanism began to go haywire. Almost all his military and civil appointees began to tolerate and then to foster an anti-Ky campaign. The area has since been out of the central Government's control.

Whether the Buddhist leaders had promised Premier Ky they would not oppose General Thi's ouster became totally academic. They did not protest the ouster; they merely used it to charge that the Ky Government was too busy engaging in purges to govern—actually, it was the only such quarrel since the junta took power last June—and to demand an elected government.

The Premier might still have been able to survive and carry out his original plan of a gradual evolution to democracy by late 1967, but there followed a train of events that bled away his strength. They can be told as a series of gifts.

If the Deputy Premier, Lieut. Gen. Nguyen Huu Co, had not pointed a gun at General Thi's chest on the night of March 10 to prevent him from boarding a plane to return to Danang, General Thi might have been more willing to accept his fate. Instead, he was furious.

Reversal of a Decision

If Marshal Ky had not overruled General Co the following week and sent General Thi back to Danang, the general's newly appointed to command the I Corps and the First Division might have been able to keep their troops loyal to Saigon.

If on the first day that public officials in Danang and Hue turned the radio stations over to anti-Government students and supported general strikes, Premier Ky had sent loyal troops to the area and removed the officials, he might have regained control there without bloodshed.

Above all, if he had never held a news conference on April 3, he might still have saved the situation. On that occasion, to the apparent amazement of his fellow generals, Premier Ky announced that Danang was in the hands of "Communists," that he was sending troops to "liberate" it and that he would shoot

the anti-Government Mayor, Dr. Nguyen Van Man.

The plan to move troops to Danang had been agreed upon; to have done so quietly and firmly might have had a good effect on the demonstrators. Marshal Ky's strong words were interpreted not as a sign of "strength" but as a silly faux pas.

Full-Scale Demonstrations

The Buddhists in Saigon went streaming into the streets in full-scale demonstrations, meant more to exploit the mistake than to protest the threat. Until then demonstrations in Saigon had been feeble.

By pointing a gun at the head of Danang and Hue, Marshal Ky made impossible any really plausible resolution of the near rebellion there. After 48 hours he called off the effort, leaving all of his political enemies neither harmed nor chastened.

However, his decision precluded the awful possibility of Vietnamese troops killing each other and civilians. By this time all the options were almost equally bad.

Finally, Marshal Ky and the other generals called an appointed national political convention in Saigon this week to suggest the means by which the junta could more rapidly surrender power without seeming to give in to the ever-increasing pressure from the Buddhists.

Buddhist Demands Adopted

When the Buddhists boycotted the meeting, it seemed possible that it could be used as a counterforce to help the Government resist the Buddhist demands. Instead, the convention adopted all of the Buddhists' demands, especially for a constituent assembly that could turn itself into a national legislature and for an amnesty for all anti-Government forces.

The Buddhists promptly elevated their demands to include the early resignation of Marshal

Ky or a drastic reshuffle of the Government.

Neither has yet happened, but the 20,000 or more Buddhists who paraded happily in Saigon tonight left no doubt that they believed that they were winning in the great crisis of 1966.



Associated Press

IN DEEP TROUBLE: Air Vice Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky, head of the military junta in South Vietnam.

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		GVN DECREE PROMISING ELECTIONS AND STATING STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE. CITY QUIET.	
	DANANG	GENERAL THI REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD NEWSMEN "THERE MUST BE AN IMMEDIATE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT--AND THAT--DEMONSTRA- TIONS WILL CONTINUE IN THIS AREA". MAYOR OF DANANG, MR. MAN, SPOKE OUT AGAINST KY GOVERNMENT. CITY QUIET AND PORT OPENED FOR OPERATION WITH BOTH DOCK WORKERS AND TRUCKERS REPORTING TO WORK. STRUGGLE GROUP REPORTED TO HAVE FORMED OWN POLICE FORCE AND HAS 30 PRISONERS.	CIA 151758Z SAIGON/STATE 8759 151230Z CIA 15 APR 66
	TAM KY	1000 PERSONS DEMONSTRATED, HOWEVER THEME NOT REPORTED.	
16 APR	HUE	CITY QUIET EXCEPT FOR 1000 CIVIL SERVANTS GATHERING (NO SPEECHES, NO BANNERS). RADIO CONTINUES TO OP- POSE ANY COMPROMISE WITH PRESENT ADMINISTRATION.	SAIGON/STATE 4035 161245Z
	DANANG	BRIEF DEMONSTRATION BY 2000-3000 CIVIL SERVANTS AND PRIVATE EMPLOYEES DID NOT DIRECTLY REFER TO GVN-- BUDDHIST INSTITUTE AGREEMENT. RADIO CONTINUED CALL FOR OUSTER "CORRUPT, BLOOD THIRSTY THIEU AND KY".	

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CHU VAN BINH, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF VIETNAMESE
NEWSPAPER "SONG", SHOT AND IN CRITICAL CONDITION.
AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN KY AND NATIONAL POLITICAL
CONGRESS ON PROCEDURES FOR SETTING UP A COMMITTEE TO
SUPERVISE ELECTIONS FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY.

CIA 161828Z

17 APR

HUE

CITY QUIET.

SAIGON/STATE 4041
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DANANG

DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR 0800, WAS CANCELLED BY
LOUDSPEAKER TRUCKS CIRCULATING IN THE CITY BETWEEN
0730-0800. RUMORS SPREAD DURING AFTERNOON THAT PRO-
SAIGON TROOPS WERE ENROUTE TO DANANG AND ROADBLOCKS AND
A MACHINE GUN WERE SET UP BETWEEN CITY AND AIRBASE.
NOTHING HAPPENED AND THEY WERE REMOVED BY 1500. NORMAL
ACTIVITY CONTINUED IN THE CITY.

GENERAL

GEN DINH, I CORPS CG AND COL YEU, QUANG NAM SPECIAL
SECTOR COMMANDER, TRAVELED TO TAM KY IN AN EFFORT TO
BRING ABOUT "WITHDRAWAL" OF "STRUGGLE TROOPS". TENSION
IN TAM KY HAS BEEN REDUCED.

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18 APR	HUE	CITY QUIET ASIDE FROM SPEECH IN MORNING BY THICH TRI QUANG STATING THAT PRESENT GVN SHOULD REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL ELECTIONS AND THAT LOCAL STRUGGLE FORCES SHOULD AGREE TO THIS. GEN DINH SPOKE WITH TRI QUANG AND REQUESTED THAT HIS SPEECH BE REPEATED IN DANANG. RADIO HUE SOMEWHAT ABATED FROM PAST STATEMENTS AGAINST GVN.	SAIGON/STATE 4054 181205Z
	DANANG	QUANG REPEATED MORNING SPEECH. RADIO DANANG PASSED ALERT OF ARMED INFILTRATORS ENTERING DANANG AND ROAD-BLOCKS AND MACHINE GUN SET UP AS ON 17TH. BY 1400 FALSE ALARM WAS OVER AND CITY HAD RETURNED TO NORMAL. RADIO SHOWED NO SIGNS OF "COOLING OFF" AS IT CONTINUED ATTACK ON GVN.	
	GENERAL	THOMSEN CONTACTED GEN THI AND DISCUSSED THI'S VIEWS ON PRESENT SITUATION. THI DENIED PRESS STORY THAT HE HAD INDICATED INTENTION OF LEADING STRUGGLE AGAINST GVN. HE STATED HE HAD NO INTENTION OF PARTICIPATING IN GVN BY RUNNING FOR ASSEMBLY, BUT WOULD SERVE IN ANY CAPACITY "ACCORDING TO PEOPLES" DESIRES. HE SAID THAT	SAIGON/STATE 4058 181415Z

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KY HAD MADE NO EFFORT TO CONTACT HIM AND THAT KY HAD
BADLY MISHANDLED THE WHOLE AFFAIR. THI EXPRESSED LACK
OF RESPECT FOR GVN AND AN UNWILLINGNESS TO DEAL WITH
IT. HE IS CONCERNED WITH CURRENT UNREST AND PLANS TO TRY
TO DAMPEN FUTURE AGITATION.

DIRECTORATE AT MEETING NOTED A NUMBER OF INDICATIONS CIA 18 APR 66
OF WORSENING SITUATION IN I CORPS.

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19 APR

GENERAL

LODGE REPORTED THAT KY HAS STATED "IT IS CLEAR NOW THAT CONCILIATION OF GEN THI IS NOT NECESSARY AND IF THI APPEARED ALL THE GENERALS WOULD TURN AGAINST HIM. ALL MEMBERS OF THE DIRECTORATE AT YESTERDAYS MEETING WANTED TO TAKE CLEAR, STRONG MEASURES AGAINST THI." LODGE RECOMMENDED AGAINST ANY SUCH ACTIONS DUE TO GVN'S WEAK POSITION.

SAIGON/STATE 4068
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HUE

NO ACTIVITY REPORTED.

DANANG

NO ACTIVITY REPORTED.

QUANG NGAI

CITY PLACED OFF LIMITS TO US PERSONNEL AT 0945H AND AT 1000H ARVN UNITS MOVED INTO CITY DUE TO VNQDD FACING BUDDHIST WITH SOME FIRING OF WEAPONS IN AIR. SITUATION QUIET BY 1200H. AT 1753H A CLAYMORE MINE DETONATED IN THE VICINITY OF VNQDD HQ WITH 3 CIVILIANS KILLED AND 4 WOUNDED. MEETING OF LEADERS OF VNQDD, STRUGGLE FORCES, BUDDHIST AND PROVINCE CHIEF ISSUED STATEMENT CALLING FOR CESSATION OF VIOLENCE. NO FURTHER VIOLENCE REPORTED.

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20 APR	HUE	RADIO CRITICIZED 30 UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS WHO REQUESTED THAT, "ELECTIONS NOT BE HELD AT THIS TIME." MEETING WAS HELD DURING MORNING AT TU DAM PAGODA, ATTENDED BY 300, INCLUDING ARVN SOLDIERS. TRI QUANG REPEATED SUBSTANCE OF EARLIER SPEECH. GEN THI HAD VERY NON-COMMITAL INTERVIEW WITH CBS REPORTER.	SAIGON/STATE 4092 201005Z SAIGON/STATE 4084 200735Z SAIGON/STATE 4095 201220Z
	DANANG	THOMSEN REPORTED GEN DINH'S EFFORTS HAVING GOOD RESULTS IN RETURNING AREA TO NORMALCY. PROBLEM STILL EXISTS OF GAINING CONTROL OVER COL YEU AND MAJOR MAN. CITY QUIET.	SAIGON/STATE 4091 201051Z
	QUANG NGAI	CITY QUIET.	SAIGON/STATE 4096 201240Z
	GENERAL	LTCOL HUE, I CORPS PSYWAR CHIEF, AND COL MO, REGIONAL PF CO, LEADERS OF STRUGGLE GROUP, ADDRESSED A LETTER TO SAIGON SEEKING RECONCILIATION. MEETING PLANNED FOR 26 APR TO DETERMINE BEST METHOD OF CHOOSING ELECTION LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE. STATE	CIA 20APR66 SAIGON/STATE 4097 201259Z

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INFORMED SAIGON THAT IT CONCURRED IN DANGERS OF
MOVING AGAINST THI AT THIS TIME.

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21 APR

DANANG

CITY QUIET. GEN DINH CONTINUES TO USE PERSONAL
APPEARANCES TO IMPROVE SITUATION.

SAIGON/STATE 4129
211200Z

HUE

NO INDICATION OF RESUMPTION OF DEMONSTRATIONS. RADIO
CONTINUED BROADCAST ALLEGATIONS THAT U.S. WANTED TO
MAINTAIN ONLY SUBSERVIENT GOVERNMENTS IN POWER.

ABOUT 1000 STUDENTS MET AND EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH
TRI QUANG ON HALTING DEMONSTRATIONS.

CIA 22APR66

QUANG NGAI

NO DISTURBANCES. SECONDARY SCHOOLS CLOSED. SHARP
INCREASE IN VC ACTIVITY IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE DURING
PAST FEW WEEKS.

DALAT

GVN SECURITY FORCES FIRED INTO MOB OF 800 DEMONSTRATORS.
ONE KILLED AND ONE WOUNDED.

22 APR

DANANG

NORMAL COMMERCIAL AND PORT ACTIVITY. BANNERS HAVE
BEEN TAKEN DOWN AND SOME "STRUGGLE" GUARDS REMOVED
FROM PAGODAS. GEN DINH RELIEVED AND REPLACED MILITARY
POLICE GARRISON COMMANDER.

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221200Z

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	HUE	CITY QUIET WITH RADIO STILL IN STRUGGLE GROUP'S HANDS.	
	DALAT	CITY UNDER TIGHT MILITARY CONTROL. POLICE STATION GRENADED WITH 6 POLICE WOUNDED. YESTERDAY'S CLASH RESULTED IN 5 DEAD AND AT LEAST 20 WOUNDED.	
23 APR	DANANG	CITY QUIET. LIEUTENANT APPOINTED BY GEN DINH HAS TAKEN OVER AS DIRECTOR OF RADIO WHICH WILL HENCE-FORTH CARRY 45 MINUTES PER DAY OF "STRUGGLE" BROADCASTING.	SAIGON/STATE 4163 231145Z
	HUE	NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY NOTED. ALTHOUGH NOT CERTAIN, IT APPEARS THAT "STRUGGLE FORCE" WILL BE PERMITTED TO HAVE 2 HOURS AIR TIME PER DAY AS STATION RETURNS TO CONTROL OF PROVINCE CHIEF.	
	DALAT	21 APR RIOT CASUALTIES NOW STAND AT 7 DEAD. NEW MILITARY GOVERNOR APPOINTED BY GVN AND CITY UNDER MARTIAL LAW.	
	GENERAL	COMMITTEE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTORAL COMMISSION MET IN SAIGON WITH INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF ITS OWN MANDATE AND ORGANIZATION.	SAIGON/STATE 4168 231515Z

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24 APR	DANANG	GEN DINH CONTINUING EFFORTS AT PERSONAL DIPLOMACY TO MAINTAIN CALM AND RESTORE ORDER.	SAIGON/STATE 4171 240530Z
SECRET	HUE	NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY REPORTED.	
	DALAT	CITY REPORTED CALM.	

25 APR	HUE	PRIMARY SCHOOLS REOPENED. HIGH SCHOOL DUE TO REOPEN ON 2 MAY. BANNERS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN PLACE REMOVED. REPLACED WITH BANNERS LESS OFFENSIVE. STRUGGLE BROADCAST TWICE A DAY. THEME VN MUST RECAPTURE RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION. YOUTH ASSAULT FORCE TO BE FORMED AND GIVEN MILITARY TRAINING.	SAIGON/STATE 4182 250945Z
		AT 1600 2,000 PEOPLE GATHERED IN PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION AGAINST VC MORTAR ATTACK OF 24 APRIL. ATTACK DENOUNCED BY PROCLAMATION TO ICC. APPROXIMATELY 1730, 100 STUDENTS FROM STRUGGLE ATTEMPTED TO JOIN AND TAKE OVER DEMONSTRATION, STILL AGAINST VC, HOWEVER MOST PEOPLE PAID NO ATTENTION AND WENT HOME.	SAIGON/STATE 4198 260130Z

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27 APR	HUE	STUDENT STRUGGLE GROUP PROTESTED BY NOTE TO COMMANDER II CORPS, BINH DINH PROVINCE CHIEF, MINISTER OF
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		EDUCATION, AND DIRECTOR OF PEDAGOGY SCHOOL IN QUI NHON, AGAINST THE PUNISHMENT OF STUDENTS INVOLVED IN STRUGGLE DEMONSTRATIONS. LETTER FROM AMERICAN IN OHIO TO HUE STUDENT COMMITTEE WAS READ PROTESTING U. S. POLICY IN VN.	SAIGON/STATE 4238 280300Z

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28 APR	HUE	GEN NHUAN ATTEMPTED TO RELIEVE LT NGUYEN QUANG ANH, DISTRICT CHIEF OF QUANG DIEN (THUA THIEN PROVINCE). LT ANH REFUSED TO BE RELIEVED. LT ANH IS CONSIDERED TO BE EITHER VNQDD MEMBER OR SYMPATHIZER.	SAIGON/STATE 4242 280645Z
	DANANG	PHAN THUYET, LEADER OF A BRANCH OF VNQDD IN DANANG, WAS REPORTED MURDERED ON THE 27TH OF APRIL. LEAFLET FOUND ACCUSING PRIME MINISTER KY OF PAYING MURDERER. INDICATIONS POINT TO FACT THAT PHAN THUYET MAY HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN KILLED BY VNQDD THEMSELVES, SINCE IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE SUPPORTED THE STRUGGLE GROUP AND WAS BELIEVED TO BE PART OF A PLOT TO RETAKE THE RADIO STATION AND KIDNAP MAYOR MAN.	

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30 APR	HUE	LT ANH, DISTRICT CHIEF QUANG DIEN, WAS RELIEVED BY	SAIGON/STATE 4309 010308Z
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PROVINCE CHIEF FOR 15 DAYS ANNUAL LEAVE. NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS OCCURRED. TEACHERS BROADCAST OF 29 APRIL REFERRED TO CIVIL WAR, BROTHERS KILLING BROTHERS.

STUDENT BROADCAST OF SAME DAY REFERRED AGAIN TO STUDENTS KILLED IN DALAT. SAID U. S. POLICY MUST BE CHANGED AND NOT OPPRESS STUDENTS. TWENTY-THREE STUDENTS ENGAGED IN HUNGER STRIKE DENOUNCING "OPPRESSION AND TURMOIL CAUSED BY THIEU-KY GOVERNMENT AND CIA."

SAIGON/STATE 4308
010300Z

SAIGON/STATE 4307
010253Z

1 MAY

HUE

STUDENTS HELD A SILENT PROTEST PARADE AND CONTINUED THE 48 HOUR HUNGER STRIKE AND ANTI-THIEU-KY REGIME RADIO BROADCASTS.

SAIGON/STATE 4326
020902Z

2 MAY

DANANG

ANOTHER VNQDD OFFICIAL, KHUC THUA VANG, DESCRIBED AS DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL VNQDD, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, WAS SHOT DURING A DEMONSTRATION/MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PHAN THUYET. VANG, ANTI-THUYET AND ANTI-STRUGGLE, WAS APPARENTLY USING THE THUYET MEMORIAL SERVICE AS A PRE-TEXT FOR DEMONSTRATION. SHOOTING WAS DONE BY ANOTHER

SAIGON/STATE 4334
021245Z

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VNQDD, HYEN HUU TRANH, WHO WAS TRYING TO BREAK UP
THE DEMONSTRATION.

3 MAY

I CORPS

GEN DINH REPORTED TO PM KY DURING HIS VISIT TO I
CORPS THAT HE WAS SLOWLY RESTORING AUTHORITY BUT
NEEDS TIME, AND COULD NOT PREDICT HOW LONG IT WOULD
TAKE. DINH ALSO STATED THAT DEPUTY PM CO MUST BE
REMOVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

CIA 9 MAY 1966

4 MAY

HUE

THUA THIEN PROVINCE CHIEF KHOA REPORTED 1ST ARVN DIV
HQ MORALE AND DISCIPLINE ARE VERY POOR. LT'S GIVE
CAPT'S AND MAJORS ORDERS BECAUSE THEY HAVE "SUPPORT
OF PAGODAS".

SAIGON/STATE 4381
050448Z

5 MAY

HUE

CROWD OF 3000 HELD "REQUIEM CEREMONY" FOR PEOPLE
KILLED IN DALAT. NOT A POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION.

SAIGON/STATE 4384
050430Z

GENERAL

COUNCIL TO DRAFT ELECTORAL LAW CONVENED WITH 31 OF
32 INVITED ATTENDING.

SAIGON/STATE 4393
051207Z

6 MAY SENSITIVE

I CORPS

RECENT EVENTS IN I CORPS DRAMATIZED THE EXTENSION
OF TRI QUANG BUDDHIST INFLUENCE OVER ARVN. ROLE

SAIGON/STATE 4401
060245Z

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OF CHAPLAINS AND RESULTS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES INDICATES HIGH COMMAND DOES NOT HAVE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER I CORPS.

HUE

TWENTY ARMED MEN OF STRUGGLE GROUP ENTERED CATHOLIC VILLAGE OF PHU CAM IN HUE AND SOME SHOTS FIRED IN AIR. NO INJURIES.

SAIGON/STATE 4457
071530Z

7 MAY

GENERAL

PM KY CONDUCTED PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN SOME ADVERSE PRESS COVERAGE. TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE INCLUDED IN MESSAGE.

SAIGON/STATE 4453
071315Z

8 MAY

HUE

THREE STRUGGLE GROUP STUDENTS BEATEN IN PHU CAM VILLAGE IN HUE.

SAIGON/STATE 4481
9 MAY 1966

9 MAY

GENERAL

UNITED NATIONALIST FRONT HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT SAIGON CITY HALL TO OPPOSE HOLDING ELECTIONS AT THIS TIME.

SOUTHERN BUDDHIST LEADER MAI THO TRUYEN TOLD EMB OFF THAT BUDDHIST CHAPLAINS NO LONGER UNDER CONTROL OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE BUT ARE INSTRUMENTS OF VIEN HOA NAO. STATED THAT BUDDHIST EXPECT TO WIN VIRTUALLY

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ALL SEATS IN CENTRAL VIETNAM AND MAJORITY IN SAIGON.

10 MAY

HUE

PROV CHIEF KHOA REPORTED GEN DINH ORDERED HIM TO RELIEVE AND ARREST QUANG DIEN DISTRICT CHIEF LT ANH. BEFORE HE COULD EXECUTE ORDER TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IN SAIGON ORDERING HIM TO RETURN ANH TO DUTY. KHOA SEEKING CLAIRIFICATION FROM DINH.

SAIGON/STATE 4494
101025Z

11 MAY

HUE

RADIO HUE CONTINUED TO COMPLAIN OF U. S. POLICIES AND REPORTED "U. S. SENATOR" STATEMENT THAT "AMERICANS HAVE CHANGED SAIGON INTO U. S. BROTHEL".

SAIGON/STATE 4504
110500Z

GENERAL

PM KY AGAIN STATED TO NEWSMEN THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD STAY IN OFFICE FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

SAIGON/STATE 4515
111030Z

12 MAY

I CORPS

SEPARATE BUDDHIST COMMAND STRUCTURE REPORTED ESTABLISHED IN 1ST ARVN DIV IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COMMAND STAFF. MOVE OF 3 "BUDDHIST" BN'S TO PHU CAM VILLAGE AREA INCREASES CHANCES OF ARMED CONFLICT THERE.

SAIGON/STATE 4539
121230Z

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HUE

ARVN FORCES SEARCHING FOR LT ANH (WHO IS NOW IN HIDING) WITH INTENTION OF ARRESTING HIM.

SAIGON/STATE 4537
121214Z

13 MAY

GENERAL

AMB PORTER REPORTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A DECISION BY GVN TO ABOLISH ALL CHAPLAINS AND TO REMOVE THEM PHYSICALLY FROM UNITS FOR THE TIME BEING.

SAIGON/STATE 4554
130405Z

QUANG DIEN

GEN NHUAN (CG, 1ST DIV) REPORTED TO HAVE NO SUPPORT AMONG LOCAL PEOPLE BECAUSE HE FAVORS STRUGGLE MOVEMENT. PEOPLE ALSO DISTRUST PROV CHIEF KHOA FOR SAME REASON AND FOR REMOVING LT ANH FROM OFFICE.

SAIGON/STATE 4548
130115Z

GENERAL

MACV PROVIDED LIST OF PERSONALITIES FILLING VARIOUS POSITIONS IN UNITED BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION.

COMUSMACV 111255Z

14 MAY

I CORPS

NO ACTIVITY REPORTED.

SAIGON

VNQDD MEMBER SHOT AND KILLED IN FRONT OF HIS HOME.

SAIGON/STATE 4583
140930Z

15 MAY

GENERAL

AMB PORTER REPORTED CONFERENCE WITH PM KY AND GEN THIEU IN WHICH HE VOICED U. S. DISPLEASURE IN THEIR ACTIONS.

SAIGON/STATE 4613
151245Z

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SECSTATE RUSK ADVISED PORTER THAT IT APPEARS THAT

STATE/SAIGON 3450
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THI IS EMERGING IN MAJOR ROLE AND THAT CLOSE
CONTACT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH HIM.

III MAF POLAD INFORMED SECSTATE THAT KY MAY BE
PLAYING DOUBLE GAME IN I CORPS.

III MAF 150532Z

DANANG

SEVEN ARVN TANKS REPORTED TO HAVE SHELLLED I CORPS
DASC WITH TWO DIRECT HITS.

NMCC FONECON
150424Q

RECAP OF ACTIVITIES ON 15 MAY PROVIDED ON FOLLOWING
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- 150345H - MACV ADVISED III MAF THAT 24 VNAF C-47s DEPARTED TAN SON NHUT W/UNIDENTIFIED TROOPS AND REPORTED DESTINATIONS OF DANANG AND PLEIKU.
- 150500H - MACV ADVISED III MAF THAT 8 VNAF A-1 ACFT DEPARTED TAN SON NHUT FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATION AND THAT LTGEN VIEN HAD ARRIVED AT DANANG.
- 150505H to 0600H - TWENTY ONE C-47 W/550 TROOPS OF 1ST BN VNMC UNLOADED DANANG. THEY WERE JOINED BY 10-12 TANKS ALREADY IN PLACE.
- 150620H - VNMC TROOPS ENTERED I CORPS HDQ COMPOUND, WHICH WAS TAKEN OVER BY LTGEN VIEN. LTGEN DINH ESCAPED 10 SECONDS PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL BY VEHICLE TO GENERAL WALT'S QUARTERS AND WAS MOVED BY HELO TO III MAF HDQS.
- 150630 to 0715H - VNMC TROOPS MOVED INTO DANANG CITY.
- 150740H to 1000H - THE 2ND BN VNMC AIRLIFTED TO DANANG FROM QUANG NGAI. VNMC TASK FORCE HQ ARRIVED BRINGING TOTAL TROOPS TO 1250.
- 150750H - LTGEN VINH REQUESTED FROM III MAF INFO ON LTGEN DINH LOCATION BUT DECLINED REQUEST TO MEET HIM IN III MAF HQ.
- 150830H - MGEN THANG, RURAL CONSTRUCTION CHIEF, CAME TO III MAF HQ TO TALK TO GEN DINH AND REMAINED ALL DAY.

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- 150927H - GEN VIEN DECLINED GEN WALT'S INVITATION TO VISIT III MAF BY HQ FOR CONFERENCE, STATING THAT PM KY WAS EXPECTED AT I CORPS HQ.
- 150930H - GEN WHEELER TALKED TO GEN WALT AND RECOMMENDED THAT HE TALK TO LTGEN VIEN AND PM KY. GEN WALT WENT TO I CORPS HQ AND DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH LTGEN VIEN, PARTICULARLY AS TO THE STATUS OF GEN DINH.
- 151053H - GEN WALT CALLED BY STATE DEPT AND REQUESTED TO MEET W/PM KY AND SOLICIT HIS VIEWS AND PLANS FOR DANANG.
- GEN DINH ISSUED ORDERS TO COL YEU TO KEEP 39TH RANGERS AT HOI AN, WHICH WAS DONE. REPORT RECEIVED BY III MAF THAT VNAF ACFT STRAFED TROOP MOVEMENTS FROM HUE AND HOI AN TOWARD DANANG. III MAF REQUESTED THAT GEN DINH ORDER TROOP MOVEMENT STOPPED.
- 151115H - PM KY ARRIVED AT DANANG AND WENT TO I CORPS HDQ.
- 151135H - COL LOAN, WHEN REQUESTED BY SENIOR ADVISOR TO VNAF TO STOP STRAFING, REPLIED THAT AMERICANS SHOULD BE PATIENT BECAUSE VNAF TAKING CALCULATED RISK TO ENSURE GOVT STABILITY.

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- 151140H - ADVISORY GROUP REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS FROM III MAF. ADVISED TO REMAIN W/UNITS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE TO PREVENT CONFLICT BUT TO AVOID ANY FIGHTING. VNMC ADVISORS DID NOT ACCOMPANY UNITS INTO DANANG.
- 151200H - I CORPS G-2 ADVISOR REPORTED THAT TANKS WERE MOVING INTO HUE, GEN NHUAN MEETING WITH STRUGGLE FORCE LEADERS, HUE STILL QUIET AND DEMONSTRATIONS PROBABLY SCHEDULED FOR 16 MAY.
- 151230H - ELEMENTS OF 5TH AIRBORNE BN COMMENCED ARRIVING DANANG VIA AIR VIETNAM AND VNAF C-47s. 1ST ARVN DIV IN CONTROL TOWER INSTRUCTING ALL VNAF ACFT NOT TO LAND AT HUE/PHU BAI AIRPORT.
- 151250H - 150 RIOT TROOPS LANDED DANANG. 10 HELOS CONTAINING VNMC DEPARTED DANANG FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATION TO THE NORTH.
- 151300H - LTGEN DINH, GEN CO, MAJGEN VIEN, BGEN DUONG, BGEN PLATT, COL HAMBLIN MET AT III MAF HQ. GEN VIEN INDICATED THAT GOVT HAS MADE MISTAKES BUT THAT THEY DID NOT WANT A CIVILIAN GOVT. GEN DINH WAS TO CONTINUE AS CG BUT HAD NO COMMAND OVER TROOPS BROUGHT IN AND THAT DINH WAS TO REMAIN W/AMERICANS. NO INTERPRETERS PRESENT AND FOREGOING DINH VERSION OF WHAT WAS SAID.

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- 151430H - ANTI KY LOUDSPEAKERS MOVED THROUGH DANANG STREETS.
- 151600H - RAINSTORM BROKE UP ~~HUE~~ DEMONSTRATION OF APPROX 4,000 PERSONS.
- 151615H - LTCOL LOAN, C/S VNMC, INFORMED USMC ADVISOR THAT GEN DUONG WOULD TAKE COMMAND OF MARINE AND ABN BNs AND THAT FORCES WERE IN DANANG IN RESPONSE TO A MSG FROM 11TH RANGER BN TO JGS REQUESTING A UNIT BE SENT TO DANANG.
- 151645H - VNMC ATTEMPTING TO DISPERSE CROWD OF 400 TO 500 IN DANANG.
- 151705H - I CORPS TOC REPORTED BLACK PANTHER CO IN CONTROL OF HOI VAN PASS.
- 151710H - VNMC ESTABLISHED 2000-0600 DANANG CURFEW. CONTINUED TO CONSOLIDATE AND SECURE DANANG.
- 151830H - 1ST ABN BN CLOSED DANANG AND DEPLOYED TO CENTER OF CITY. TASK FORCE NOW HAS 2,500 TROOPS IN DANANG.
- 151930H - ESTIMATED 8 PLATOONS OF PAT ARRIVED HOA VUNG DIST HQS TO DEFEND AGAINST STRUGGLE FORCES. ACTING DIST CHIEF WOULD NOT ADMIT THEM TO COMPOUND AND 60 PFs INSIDE ARE PRESENTLY AT STAND-OFF W/PATs.

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FORCES MOVED INTO DANANG BY GVN ON 15 MAY 1966:

TASK FORCE ALPHA:

HQ TF (FROM QUANG NGAI)	143
{ 1ST VNMCM BN (FROM SAIGON)	560
2D VNMCM BN (FROM QUANG NGAI)	550
1ST ABN BN (FROM SAIGON)	450
5TH ABN BN (FROM SAIGON)	409
	<u>2112</u>

ELEMENT OF 11TH RANGER BN REPORTED TO BE ASSISTING GVN
AND COULD BRING TOTAL TROOPS TO THE 2500 REPORTED BY
III MAF.

7TH ABN BN AT BIEN HOA PLACED ON ALERT FOR MOVE.

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160930H - GEN DINH ARRIVED HUE VIA HELO. MET BY GEN NHUAN AND WENT TO 1ST DIV HQ FOR MEETING WITH THI. TRIO THEN WENT INTO HUE BUT NHUAN SOON RETURNED TO 1ST DIV HQ. HUE QUIET DURING MORNING WITH NORMAL COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY, SCHOOLS CLOSED AND STRUGGLE FORCE LEADERS HOLDING MEETINGS.

161130H - MGEN HUYEN VAN CAO NAMED AS NEW CG, I CORPS, ARRIVED DANANG AND PROCEEDED TO I CORPS HQ.

16TH MORNING- PM KY CALLED AMEMBASSY AND REPORTED THAT GEN DONG STATED THAT GEN WALT HAD INFORMED GEN DONG TO STOP PATROLLING OVER ROUTES NORTH AND SOUTH OF DANANG OR THAT AMERICANS WOULD INTERCEDE. THIS WOULD BE DONE TO AVOID ANY FIGHTING BETWEEN UNITS THAT HAVE AMERICAN ADVISORS. KY ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF GEN WALT'S ATTITUDE AND WHETHER HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TAKE THIS ATTITUDE.

161330H - MGEN CAO ARRIVED AT III MAF HDQS FOR MEETING W/GEN WALT AND REMAINED UNTIL 1630 DISCUSSING THE SITUATION.

161630H - MGEN CAO WENT TO GEN WALT'S QUARTERS FOR MEETING WITH GEN DINH.

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" " 4627/160605Z
BGEN PLATT/CMC PHONCON 161127Z

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16 MAY

I CORPS

MACV ADVISED SAIGON THAT GEN WALT'S ACTIONS WERE ENTIRELY CORRECT CONCERNING HOW HE HANDLED WARNING TO VNAF AIRCRAFT NOT TO FIRE ON ARVN UNITS THAT MIGHT HAVE U.S. ADVISORS.

SAIGON/STATE 4635
161120Z

MACV ADVISED NMCC OF STATUS OF U.S. ADVISORS WITH I CORPS UNITS. ADVISORS REMAIN WITH UNITS ENGAGED IN NORMAL ACTIVITIES. ADVISORS TO 1ST AND 5TH ABN BN DID NOT ACCOMPANY UNITS ON DEPARTURE FROM SAIGON. USMC ADVISORS TO THE 1ST AND 2D VNMC BN ACCOMPANIES UNITS BUT REMAINED AT III MAF HEADQUARTERS. ALL OTHER U.S. ADVISORS IN I CORPS WERE INSTRUCTED BY GEN WALT TO SEPARATE THEMSELVES FROM THEIR UNITS WHENEVER THE LATTER UNDER-TAKE ANTI-GVN ACTIVITY OR ENGAGE IN A FIREFIGHT WITH OTHER THAN VC/NVA.

MACV CC 161141Z

I CORPS

III MAF SUBMITTED DELAYED REPORT THAT AT 152005H VNAF A-1'S DROPPED 9 BOMBS WITHIN 300 METERS OF BLACK PANTHER CO (FROM HUE AREA) JUST NORTH OF HAI VAN PASS. NO CASUALTIES SUFFERED. APPROXIMATELY ONE CO OF VNMC LANDED BY HELO IN HAI VAN PASS AND TOOK CONTROL OF OUTPOST AT TOP OF PASS.

III MAF 161632Z

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170740H

AFTER A QUIET NIGHT, GEN CAO ARRIVED AT III MAF CP AND TALKED TO GEN WALT UNTIL 0950H. HE INFORMED GEN WALT THAT HE HAD TALKED TO TRI QUANG BY TELEPHONE, AND HAD BEEN TOLD BY HIM NOT TO COME TO HUE UNLESS HE DECLARED HIMSELF ANTI-KY. TRI QUANG SAID THAT GEN NHUAN WOULD BE KILLED IF HE MET WITH CAO IN HUE.

171000H

SHIP UNLOADING COMMENCED AT DANANG MAIN.

171030H

GEN CAO, BGEN PLATT, COL HAMBLIN AND OTHERS ARRIVED AT 1ST DIV CP VIA U.S. ARMY HELO. GEN NHUAN WAS NOT PRESENT; ALLEGEDLY SICK - C/S 1ST DIV WAS NOT PRESENT. COL KHOA, PROV CHIEF/HUE MAJOR, WAS SOP. GEN CAO HAD AN HONOR GUARD, BAND AND RECEIVED A ROUTINE BRIEFING, AFTER WHICH HE MADE A BRIEF SPEECH. AS HE WAS DEPARTING THROUGH THE HONOR GUARD TOWARD HELO A SIZEABLE CROWD RUSHED INTO COMPOUND AND WAS NOT STOPPED BY SOLDIERS. GEN CAO RAN FOR THE HELO AND AS IT WAS TAKING OFF 2NDLT NGUYEN DAI THUT, MSS, 1ST DIV HQ, FIRED TWO CAL .45 PISTOL SHOTS AT HELO, HITTING IT ONCE. HELO GUNNER FIRED A 6 ROUND BURST KILLING THE LT AND WOUNDING 6 OTHERS. HELO RETURNED TO DANANG. TRI QUANG

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		STATED THE HELO FIRED FIRST, HOWEVER COL BOSTON HAS EYE WITNESSES WHO STATE THAT THE LT FIRED FIRST.	
171355H		GEN CAO ARRIVED QUANG NGAI BY HELO AND WAS GREETED BY GEN LAM, DRIVEN TO 2D DIV HQ AND WAS MET BY ENTIRE STAFF, RECEIVED BRIEFING AND RETURNED TO DANANG. CAO ADVISED GEN WALT THAT THE 2D DIV WAS BEHIND HIM ALL THE WAY.	
171800H	HUE	SITUATION CALM ON SURFACE.	
171930H	DANANG	DANANG QUIET ALL DAY.	FONECON BGEN PLATT 170747Q
17TH	HUE	FIRE FIGHT AT PHU CAM VILLAGE. TRI QUANG CLAIMS 1STDIV OCCUPIED SITES WHICH DOMINATED AREA AND CATHOLICS TRIED TO DRIVE THEM OUT. TRI QUANG CLAIMS TO HAVE INTERVENED & PERSUADED 1ST DIV TROOPS TO LEAVE.	SAIGON/STATE 4678 171138Z
	GENERAL	THE 32D RANGERS ENROUTE TO TAN SON NHUT FROM CAM THO FOR AIR MOVEMENT TO DANANG AS RELIEF FOR 11TH RANGERS.	
17 MAY	HOI AN	TOWN CONTROLLED BY TROOPS LOYAL TO COL YEU, BUT IS SURROUNDED BY FORCES FRIENDLY TO SAIGON. COL YEU INFORMED SAIGON THAT CAO NOT ACCEPTABLE TO QUANG NAM AS NEW CORPS CG.	CIA 17 MAY 1966 SAIGON/STATE 4685 171335Z

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SECRET	HUE	COL KHOA (PROV CHIEF/HUE MAYOR) MET WITH CORCORAN AND PROVIDED INFO ON PHU CAM VILLAGE FIRE FIGHT INCLUDING HIS ATTEMPT TO SOLVE PROBLEM. HE ALSO STATED THAT GEN NHUAN WAS ANGRY AT GEN THI AS THI HAD USURPED COMMAND OF 1ST DIV, WHICH NHUAN IS TRYING TO REGAIN. CORCORAN CONSIDERS KHOA MOST EFFECTIVE FORCE WORKING FOR ORDER AND STABILITY IN HUE.	SAIGON/STATE 4691 171700Z
		RADIO HUE REPORTED DANANG MONKS READY TO BURN THEMSELVES TO PROTEST GVN ACTIONS.	SAIGON/STATE 4679 171355Z
18 MAY	GENERAL	AMB PORTER REPORTED PLANS TO HAVE GEN THI AND KY MEET IN CHU LAI ON 19TH OR 20TH. THI HAS AGREED TO MEETING.	SAIGON/STATE 4695 180330Z
181040H		GEN KY, VIEN AND CO ARRIVED DANANG.	COMUSMACV 180622Z
181050H		32ND RANGER BN ARRIVED DANANG.	COMUSMACV 180622Z
181130H		GEN CAO ASSUMED COMMAND OF I CORPS AT DANANG CEREMONY	COMUSMACV 180622Z
181400H		GEN KY DEPARTED FOR SAIGON.	COMUSMACV 180622Z

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18 MAY	GENERAL	CIA MESSAGE CONCERNING DIRECTORATE ACTIONS LEADING TO AND SINCE RELIEF OF GEN DINH. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE ON THE 14TH KY ACTED WITH CONCURRENCE OF ENTIRE DIRECTORATE, BASED ON REQUEST FOR HELP FROM 11TH RANGER BN. DECISION WAS TO ACT FORCIBLY, REDUCE THE DANANG RESISTANCE AND "SOLVE SITUATION FOR ONCE AND ALL". FURTHER DISCUSSED FUTURE PLANS, APPROVED BY KY AND DIRECTORATE, WHICH INCLUDED AN ATTACK ON THE 19TH ON THE PAGODAS.	CIA 172252Z
	HUE	LT NGUYEN DIA THUC, OFFICER WHO FIRED AT HELICOPTER AND WAS KILLED BY RETURN FIRE WAS MEMBER OF MSS (SECURITY FORCES), ACTIVE IN STRUGGLE MOVEMENT AND HAD MADE ANTI-AMERICAN STATEMENTS.	SAIGON/STATE 4703 180725Z
	DANANG	GEN COA THREATENED BY COL LOAN AT 181450H THAT COA WOULD BE KILLED IF HE DID NOT ORDER ATTACK ON PAGODAS. GEN COA MOVED BY HELO TO III MAF HQ WHERE HE CALLED KY AND RESIGNED. KY ADVISED HIM TO REMAIN IN COMMAND AND THAT LOAN WOULD BE ORDERED TO SAIGON AND THAT GEN VIEN WOULD COME UP TO DANANG. COA REFUSED JOB AND GEN DONG BECAME ACTING I CORPS COMMANDER. GEN VIEN ARRIVED 182115H, AND	III MAF 181632Z COMUSMACV 181424Z SAIGON/STATE 4712 181055Z SAIGON/STATE 4713 181135Z SAIGON/STATE 4714 181212Z

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TALKED TO COA, AND DONG. GEN DINH PROVIDED USMC HELO FLIGHT TO HUE TO VISIT "SICK MOTHER" AND NOW STATES THAT HE INTENDS TO REMAIN THERE.

ARMY 01E FORCED TO LAND BECAUSE OF HITS BY SA FIRE OVER DANANG. NO DAMAGE ON LANDING OR INJURY TO PILOT OR USMC AO.

COMUSMACV 181923Z

USMC CO OCCUPIED TOURANE BRIDGE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR IT.

COMUSMACV 182336Z

HUE

GEN DINH HELD PRESS CONFERENCE IN HUE. SAID HE INTENDS TO REMAIN IN HUE. GRATEFUL TO AMERICANS, STILL LOYAL TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, BUT STRONGLY PROTESTS "FOOLISH" ACTIONS IN DANANG. VERY ANGRY AT THIEU AND KY.

SAIGON/STATE 4702
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181600H HUE

GENERAL STRIKE CALLED. STORES CLOSED. STUDENTS HAVE ERECTED BARRICADES AND ARE ARMED WITH STICKS AND CLUBS. NO ANTI-U.S. ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

HEAVY FIGHTING BROKE OUT IN PHU CAM AND QUANG DIEN VILLAGE ABOUT MIDNIGHT. NO KNOWN CASUALTIES.

SAIGON/STATE 4700
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COL YEU RELIEVED AS QUANG NAM SPECIAL SECTOR COMMANDER

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DANANG

BY LTCOL LAP, CO 51ST ARVN REGT.

LTGEN CO ARRIVED 191100H TO CONVINCE CAO TO REMAIN AS CG. COMUSMACV 191155Z
STATED HE PLANNED TO STAY 3 DAYS. HE WAS SUPRISED COL
LOAN STILL IN DANANG. IF LOAN WAS NOT REMOVED, HE WOULD
"WASH HANDS OF SITUATION". GEN CO DEPARTED DANANG 191530H.
PRIOR TO LEAVING HE INFORMED GEN WALT THAT MOVE ON DANANG
PLANNED ON 15 MAY BY KY, THIEU AND LOAN ALONE.

19 MAY

HUE

NEW BN FORMED AND AWAITING ISSUANCE OF ARMS. NAMED IN
HONOR OF LT KILLED BY HELO GUNNER ON 17 MAY.

SAIGON/STATE 4749
190650Z

AT 190815H GEN THI INFORMED CORCORAN THAT THI WOULD NOT
MEET WITH KY AS PLANNED BECAUSE OF HELO SHOOTING INCIDENT.

SAIGON/STATE 4743
190404Z

SAIGON

ON THE EVENING OF 18TH PM KY SENT A LETTER TO HEAD OF
BUDDHIST INSTITUTE ASKING HIM TO ORDER HEADS OF PAGODAS
HARBORING TROOPS IN DANANG TO DEMAND THAT STRUGGLE TROOPS
LEAVE THE PAGODAS. IF THE STRUGGLE FORCES DO NOT OBEY,
THEN THE BONZES SHOULD SEPARATE THEMSELVES FROM PAGODAS
AND TROOPS AS THE GVN TROOPS WILL BE FORCED TO MOVE AGAINST
PAGODAS.

SAIGON/STATE 4747
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		<p>SECRET</p> <p>KY INFORMED PORTER THAT HIS PLANS ARE TO CORDON OFF PAGODAS, ALLOWING PEOPLE TO COME AND GO BUT NOT SUPPLIES. KY STATED HE HAS NO PLANS TO MOVE AGAINST HUE AND EXPECTS STRUGGLE FORCES TO RETURN TO THEIR UNITS TO GET PAID.</p>	<p>SAIGON/STATE 4760 191125Z</p>
	DANANG	<p>COL THANH (I CORPS C/S) ARRESTED BY MSS AT 182230H. COL LOAN REMAINS IN DANANG, ALTHOUGH KY HAS STATED THAT HE WOULD BE RECALLED.</p> <p>CP FOR QUANG NAM SPECIAL SECTOR ESTABLISHED BY NEW COMMANDER (COL LAP) AT DIEN BAN 10 MILES WEST OF HOI AN. COL THANH (I CORPS C/S) AND LTCOL TRUNG (G-3) REQUESTED SANCTUARY - BILLETED AT MAG-16.</p> <p>COL LOAN RETURNED TO SAIGON LATE EVENING OF THE 19TH.</p>	<p>III MAF 191648Z</p> <p>CIA 191832Z</p>
20 MAY		<p>VENERABLE MINH CHIU SENT LETTER TO GEN WALT ASKING HIM TO FORCE GVN TO STOP FIRING. IF HE DID NOT THE BUDDHIST WOULD DESTROY THE AIRFIELD.</p> <p>AT 201120H VNAF ATTACKED COLUMN OF ONE 2 1/2 TON TRUCK AND 5 BUSES CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 475 STRUGGLE FORCES MOVING NORTH TO DANANG FROM TAM KY. TROOPS DISEMBARKED,</p>	<p>COMUSMACV 201025Z</p> <p>SECRET</p>

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20 May (Cont'd)		CONTINUED ON FOOT AND OVERRAN A ROADBLOCK ESTABLISHED BY 1 PLAT OF GVN TROOPS. COLUMN CONTINUED NORTH AGAIN UNTIL LEAD VEHICLE FIRED ON BY GVN TANKS AND BOMBED BY VNAF A-1'S. AT 201800H APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS FROM 9TH MARINE CP. STRUGGLE FORCES MOVED INTO PAGODA AT SITE OF ACTION AND ONLY SPORADIC FIRING CONTINUES. GEN PHONG (J-3 JGS) INFORMED MACV THAT HE WOULD MOVE TO DANANG ON 21 MAY WITH STAFF TO FORM A RESPONSIVE I CORPS STAFF FOR 2-3 WEEKS. HE WILL BE CAO'S DEPUTY AND CONCENTRATE ON FIGHTING VC/NVN. GEN DONG WILL CONTINUE TO SUPERVISE POL/MIL ACTIVITIES IN DANANG.	
	HUE	TRI QUANG STATED IN PRESS RELEASE HIS WILLINGNESS TO SETTLE CONFLICT WITH GOVERNMENT, BUT ONLY IF THIEU AND KY RESIGN.	SAIGON/STATE 4779 200430Z
		CONSUL HUE REPORTED GEN DINH COMMENTS TO PRESS THAT TIME HAS COME WHEN HE (GEN DINH) MUST TAKE FORCEFUL ACTION AGAINST THIEU AND KY.	SAIGON/STATE 4780 200631Z

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20 MAY (Cont'd)	HUE	A TRIUMVERATE OF STRUGGLE FORCES WAS REPORTEDLY FORMED WITH GEN DINH AS CHAIRMAN, AND GEN THI AND GEN NHUAN AS MEMBERS.	CIA TDCS-314/06578-66 20 MAY
	GENERAL	BUI DIEM GAVE ACCOUNT OF VN TROUBLE TO BUNDY. STATED COL LOAN WAS CHIEF TROUBLE MAKER, CAUSED GOVERNMENT TO MOVE AGAINST DANANG TO AVOID TROUBLE WITH "BABY TURKS." SEC RUSK STATED TO SAIGON THE ADVISEABILITY OF ATTEMPTING TO GAIN THI-KY RECONCILLIATION. DESIRED SAIGON TO MAINTAIN HEAVY PRESSURE TO GAIN THIS END. STATE REQUESTED SAIGON IMPRESS ON GEN THIEU THE SEVERE U.S. CONCERN WITH PRESENT SITUATION AND DISGUST WITH INABILITY OF VIETNAMESE LEADERSHIP TO HANDLE THE SITUATION.	STATE/SAIGON 2541 20 MAY STATE/SAIGON 3545 20 MAY STATE/SAIGON 3536 20 MAY
	DANANG	VN MARINES AND AIRBORNE CONTINUE EFFORTS TO TIGHTEN PERIMETERS AROUND PRINCIPAL PAGODAS AND TO ELIMINATE STRUGGLE REMNANTS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE CITY. PAGODAS HAVE NOT BEEN ATTACKED.	SAIGON/STATE 4785 201200Z

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202150H	DANANG	DANANG GARRISON RECEIVED AW, RR, MORTAR FIRE FROM EAST BANK OF RIVER. ONE ARVN WIA. USMC SECURITY AT BRIDGE REPORTED OBSERVING MORTAR FIRE INTO THE CITY FROM SIDE OF RIVER AT SAME TIME. III MAF REPORTED THAT INSURGENTS AT AMMO FACILITY AND AN HAI PAGODA STATED THAT IF U. S. FORCES DO NOT STOP PRO-GOVERNMENT FORCES FROM ATTACKING THE INSURGENTS WILL MORTAR DANANG AIRFIELD AND OTHER U. S. COMPOUNDS AND BLOW UP THE AMMO DUMP WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED WITH DEMOLITION CHARGES.	MACV CC 201855Z MACV CC 202115Z
20 MAY	HUE	TRI QUANG ADVISED AM CONSUL HUE THAT HE LEARNED THERE WAS A LARGE VC FORCE LOCATED NORTH OF HUE IN PREPARATION OF MAJOR ATTACK. HE MADE A FORMAL REQUEST FOR U. S. AID BECAUSE AT PRESENT TIME, MOST CIVILIANS AND MANY SOLDIERS ARE "OCCUPIED WITH ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES". AM CONSUL POINTED OUT THAT 6,000 USMC ARE THERE TO FIGHT VC. TRI QUANG RECOMMENDED U. S. SUPPORT A COUP BY TRAN VAN DON TO SOLVE CRISIS.	SAIGON/STATE 4791 201510Z SAIGON/STATE 4804 210355Z (S)

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21 MAY	DANANG	<p>BEGINNING AT ABOUT 210630H MAY, FIGHTING RENEWED IN DANANG, WITH HEAVY FIRING AROUND TINH HOI PAGODA. AT 0630, VN MARINES RECEIVED AW FIRE AND MORTAR ROUNDS FROM STRUGGLE FORCES LOCATED ON EAST SIDE OF THE RIVER NEAR THE NEW III MAF CP UNDER CONSTRUCTION. AT 0700 TWO VNAF A-1E AIRCRAFT BEGAN STRAFING AND BOMBING EAST SIDE OF RIVER TO SUPPRESS FIRING. DURING AIR ATTACK, III MAF CP RECEIVED EITHER ONE 500 LB BOMB OR SIX ROCKETS CAUSING THREE USMC WIA. GEN WALT ORDERED USMC AIRCRAFT INTO THE AIR AND WARNED VNAF TO CEASE FIRING OR HE WOULD HAVE THEM SHOT DOWN.</p> <p>AT 0725 DANANG AIR BASE WENT ON RED ALERT AFTER RECEIVING 60MM MORTAR FIRE FROM SOCCER FIELD. TWO USAF RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS.</p> <p>FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER VNAF STRAFING, III MAF HQ RECEIVED MORTAR FIRE FROM DIRECTION OF AMMO DUMP. ONE KM NE OF NEW III MAF CP, MORTARING CAUSED EIGHT ADDITIONAL USMC WOUNDED.</p>	<p>SAIGON/STATE 4808 210510Z (S) FMFPac CC FONECON 210400Q</p>

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21 MAY	DANANG	FIRST MAW AIRCRAFT BEING MOVED FROM DANANG AS FOLLOWS: F4Bs, 5 TO CHU LAI, 15 TO UDORN; EF-10Bs, 5 TO CHU LAI; RF-8As, 2 TO CHU LAI; F-8Es, 3 TO CHU LAI.	
	DANANG	USAF EVACUATED THE FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT OUT OF DANANG: 31 F-4C TO KORAT, 18 B-57 TO BIEN HOA, 1 C-130 TO UDORN, 1 EC-121 TO TAN SON NHUT, 1 C-130 TO TAN SON NHUT.	HQ, 7TH AF 210923Z (S)
	DANANG	REFERRING TO THE THREAT OF THE PRINCIPAL BONZE IN DANANG (THICH MINH CHIU) TO ATTACK U. S. INSTALLATIONS IN DANANG IF U. S. FORCES DIDN'T HELP GET GOVERNMENT FORCES OUT OF DANANG, SECSTATE ADVISED AMB SAIGON TO ASK TRI QUANG IN HUE TO ASSURE THESE THREATS ARE NOT MEANT SERIOUSLY. THE U. S. CANNOT ACCEPT SUCH AN ATTACK AND IT WILL BE OBLIGED TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO INSURE THEIR SAFETY.	STATE/SAIGON 3567 (S)
	DANANG	III MAF HAS ESTABLISHED TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS ON ROUTE 1 NORTH AND SOUTH OF CITY. SOUTHERN CHECK POINT SOUTH OF GRID LINE 65, TO STOP ALL CONVOY OR TROOP MOVES TOWARD DANANG CONTAINING ARMOR OR ARTILLERY AND MORTARS. DETERMINE SIZE OF FORCE AND MISSION. TO CHECK WITH III MAF PRIOR TO ALLOWING THEM TO PROCEED.	MACV 210210Z TELECON

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21 MAY (Cont'd)	DANANG	III MAF SITREP STATED ON 20 MAY BASE COMMAND GROUP AND ONE COMPANY OF 2/4 MOVED TO NEW III MAF CP TO PROTECT PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY AND TO BE IN POSITION TO GAIN POSSESSION OF AMMO DUMP. AMMO DUMP REPORTEDLY WOULD BE BLOWN BY STRUGGLE FORCES AND WAS ALREADY RIGGED. DUMP CONTAINS OVER 6,000 TONS OF AMMO. REPORT FROM LT., STRUGGLER DEFECTOR, INDICATED 2 BNs WITH ONE APC TROOP WERE SCHEDULED TO DEPART TAM KY ON THE 21ST AND MOVE TO DANANG. LTCOL LAP (QNSS COMMANDER) INTENDS TO BLOCK THEM. LST CARRING APC's (ARVN) SCHEDULED FOR CHU LAI, REPORTED DUE IN DANANG ON EVENING OF 21ST. UNLOADING OF THEM CONSIDERED EXTREMELY INCENDIARY.	III MAF 201750Z (S)
21 MAY	HUE	IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT GEN NHUAN IS NOW VERY DISCOURAGED AND NERVOUS AND COULD PROBABLY BE PERSUADED BY U. S. OFFICIALS TO RETURN TO SIDE OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. IT WAS FURTHER REPORTED THAT FIRST DIVISION HQ CO COMMANDER, CAPT NGUYEN DUC HO, IS LEADING STRUGGLE MOVEMENT AT DIVISION AND HAS AT TIMES GIVEN ORDERS TO NHUAN.	SAIGON/STATE 4811 210535Z (S)

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211145H	HUE	RECTOR BUI TUONG HUAN OF HUE UNIVERSITY ADVISED CONSULATE THAT COL YEN PLANS TO ATTACK PHO AND TANH LINH PAGODAS AT NOON AND REQUESTED GEN WALT BE ADVISED OF AN URGENT REQUEST BY TRI QUANG TO SEND U. S. MARINES TO DEFEND PAGODAS. HUAN ALSO STATED TAN NINH PAGODA HAS BEEN OCCUPIED BY GVN AND 200 BUDDHIST KILLED OR WOUNDED.	SAIGON/STATE 4821 210958Z (S)
21 MAY	GENERAL	STATE ADVISED SAIGON, WORD SHOULD BE PASSED DISCREETLY THAT U. S. SUPPORTS THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT THERE SHOULD NO COUPS OR RECKLESS ADVENTURE.	STATE/SAIGON 3568
	GENERAL	CIA REPORTS INFORMATION OF "FAKE" COUP BY III CORPS COMMANDER, TO TAKE PLACE ON 21 MAY. POSSIBLY TO DEPOSE GEN THIEU. INFORMATION FROM UNCONFIRMED SOURCES - CONSIDERED UNRELIABLE.	CIA 86695, 87726, 87592
	GENERAL	CONSUL IN HUE REPORTS GEN DINH STILL CONSIDERS HIMSELF CG, I CORPS. REQUESTS U. S. ASSISTANCE IN GETTING RID OF THIEU AND KY.	SAIGON/STATE 4806 210356Z SAIGON/STATE 4810 210550Z

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21 MAY	HUE	TRI QUANG DELIVERED COPY OF MESSAGE TO AMCONSUL, HUE TO BE SENT U.S. PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS. MESSAGE STATES U.S. SHOULD END ASSISTANCE TO THIEU AND KY AND STATES CLEARLY AIRCRAFT GIVEN TO RVN TO FIGHT COMMUNISTS NOT TO BE USED TO OPPRESS BUDDHISTS.	AMEMB SAIGON 4814 210805Z
	HUE	BUDDHIST DELEGATION OF 150 MONKS AND 50 NUNS PRESENTED FORMAL TRI QUANG MESSAGE TO USG TO AMCONSUL, HUE.	SAIGON/STATE 4822 211020Z
	HUE	CORCORAN VISITED THI FOR ONE HOUR AND FIFTEEN MINUTES. THI STATED HE STILL WILL NOT MEET WITH KY, FEELS KY SHOULD STEP DOWN AS PRIME MINISTER, AND THAT HE MADE A MISTAKE BY REOCCUPYING DANANG BY FORCE. HOWEVER, CORCORAN BELIEVES FUTURE OVERTURES MAY BE WORTHWHILE BECAUSE THI STATED THAT, CONCERNING SAIGON PRESS REPORTS THAT KY HAD THOUGHTS OF OFFERING HIM A HIGH POST, NO SUCH OFFER HAD REACHED HIM. HE ALSO STATED TRI QUANG DOES NOT LIKE HIM.	SAIGON 4813 210750Z
	DANANG	RELIABLE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THAT A PAGODA, REPORTED VARIOUSLY AS DUY TAN AND TAN LINH, WAS OCCUPIED BY GVN	SAIGON 4831 211050Z

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21 MAY (Cont'd)	DANANG (Cont'd)	FORCES. DETAILS UNKNOWN BUT SOURCES REPORT SIGNIFICANT CASUALTY FIGURES AND MANY WEAPONS SEIZED.	
	DANANG	MERCHANTS HAD ENOUGH FOOD TO SUPPLY THE CITY FOR FOUR DAYS BUT DUE TO WORK STOPPAGE, THE POPULACE HAD NO MONEY TO PURCHASE IT. DANANG RESIDENTS REFUSE TO SUPPLY GOVERNMENT TROOPS WITH FOOD, CIGARETTES OR WATER - - PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY ARE CONSERVING FOR THEIR OWN USE.	CIA 87904 210856Z
	DANANG	TRI QUANG INFORMED OF MORTAR ATTACKS ON DANANG AIR BASE AND DANANG EAST. QUANG REQUESTED US OCCUPY ENTIRE BASE AND PREVENT IT FROM BEING USED TO ATTACK CITY. SUBSEQUENTLY, UNIVERSITY RECTOR BUI TUONG HUAN DELIVERED QUANG MESSAGE TO AMCONSUL STATING VNAF ACFT ATTACKING ANTI-GOVT FORCES IN DANANG AND HOI AN AND REQUESTING GEN WALT BE ASKED TO SEEK CEASEFIRE.	AMEMB SAIGON 4823 211003Z
	DANANG	GOVT ABN TROOPS AND MARINES CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN POSITIONS ON MAIN ROUTES TO PHO DA AND TIN HOI PAGODAS - - STILL UNDER ORDERS NOT TO FIRE ON OR ASSAULT PAGODAS. THEY	CIA 87902 211005Z

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21 MAY (Cont'd)	DANANG (Cont'd)	REPORT LOSSES OF 20 KIA AND 200 WIA.	
	DANANG	LATEST REPORTS INDICATE MAIN AREAS OF DANANG OTHER THAN PAGODAS AND AREAS IN DANANG EAST ARE IN GOVT HANDS. IN HUE, LEADERS OF MILITANT BUDDHISTS AND STRUGGLE FORCES LED BY TRI QUANG ARE IN CONTROL AND ASSOCIATED WITH GENERAL'S THI AND DINH.	AMEMB SAIGON 4837 211245Z
	DANANG	7TH ARVN ABN BN ARRIVED DANANG AND OCCUPIED THE ARVN HOSPITAL AREA IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO EAST SIDE OF AIR BASE. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT GVN FORCES SEIZED TAN NINH PAGODA AND CAPTURED A LARGE NUMBER OF STRUGGLE FORCES AND WEAPONS.	MACV CC 211224Z (S)
	GENERAL	THROUGHOUT MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON, MODERATE SPORADIC FIRING FROM BOTH STRUGGLE FORCES AND GVN INCLUDING STRAFING BY VNAF A1-E'S REPORTED IN DANANG. HUE REPORTED QUIET ALTHOUGH TENSE AS BUDDHIST LEADERS ISSUED SERIES OF APPEALS TO US.	AMEMB SAIGON 4838 211307Z
	DANANG	THE SEIZURE OF TAN NINH PAGODA RESULTED IN 150 PERSONS DETAINED, 112 WEAPONS, 2 RADIOS AND 150 GRENADES	MACV CC 220045Z (C)

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21 MAY (Cont'd)	DANANG (Cont'd)	CAPTURED. THE CITY WAS QUIET THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT WITH ONLY A FEW INCIDENTS OF SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE. KNOWN CASUALTIES FOR 21 MAY: ^{USMC} 11 WIA, USAF 1 WIA, VNMC 2 KIA, 4 WIA, VN ABN 1 KIA, 15 WIA, STRUGGLE FORCES 5 KIA, 85 WIA, 150 DETAINED, 100 IND WEAPONS, 12 CREW SERVED WEAPONS CAPTURED. CIVILIANS: 8 KIA (INCLUDES TWO MONKS), 99 WIA.	
	HUE	CITY ALL QUIET. BLACK PANTHER CO RETURNED TO HUE FROM PHU LOC AND 3/3 ARVN MOVED TO PHU LOC.	MACV CC 220045Z (C)
211700H	QUANG NGAI	A GROUP OF BUDDHISTS ATTEMPTED TO SEE GEN LAM (CG 2D ARVN DIV).	MACV CC 220045Z (C)
211715H	QUANG NGAI	ONE CO OF 5TH VNMC MOVED TO 2D DIV COMPOUND. 1,000 DEMONSTRATED TO KNOW WHETHER GEN LAM SUPPORTED GOVT OR STRUGGLE FORCES. DEMONSTRATION WAS PRO-US AND PRO-STRUGGLE. NO INCIDENTS.	MACV CC 220045Z (C)
22 MAY	DANANG	SAIGON REPORT TO STATE AS OF 221500H STATED CITY RELATIVELY QUIET THROUGHOUT NIGHT OF 21 MAY AND MORNING OF 22 MAY. GVN FORCES HAVE TAKEN MOST OF	SAIGON/STATE 4851 220918Z

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THE CITY INCLUDING STADIUM FROM WHICH STRUGGLE FORCES
REPORTEDLY MORTARED NEW III MAF HQS AND AIRBASE 21
MAY. STRUGGLE FORCES REPORTEDLY HOLD ONLY PHO DA AND
TENH HOI PAGODAS.

DANANG

AT APPROXIMATELY 220615H, VICINITY OF ROUTE 1A AND 1B
INTERSECTION, 32D ARVN RANGERS FIRED TWO ROUNDS AND
HALTED A NORTHWARD BOUND ARMED BUDDHIST COLUMN, ESTIMATED
AT 300-400. AFTER A BRIEF CONFERENCE, THERE WAS AN
EXCHANGE OF FIRE. CASUALTIES UNDETERMINED BUT REPORTED
RANGERS HAVE TAKEN 50 PRISONERS. REMAINDER OF COLUMN
DISPERSED AND DISAPPEARED. ONE USMC WOUNDED AT III MAF
CP DURING EXCHANGE OF FIRE.

FONECON FMFPAC CC
220900Z (S)

HUE

SAIGON ADVISED STATE THAT MACV ADVISORS REPORTED THAT AS
OF 221330H, THAT THE "NGUYEN DAI THUC" BN AND 3RD BN
3RD REGT WAS CURRENTLY AT MY GIA, JUST NORTH OF LANG CO
BRIDGE.

SAIGON/STATE 4850
220900Z

HUE

IN A CONVERSATION WITH CORCORAN ON 21 MAY, GEN NHUAN
SAID THAT THE NEWLY FORMED "NGUYEN DAI THUC" BN WAS
FORMED FOR GUARD DUTY. IT WAS A "HODGE PODGE" AND HE

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	HUE	1ST DIV DEPUTY SENIOR ADVISOR UPON BEING TOLD THAT THE "NGUYEN DAI THUC" BN IS CONTROLLED BY GEN DINH, TALKED TO DINH REGARDING CURRENT TENSE SITUATION AT LANG CO BRIDGE. DINH STATED THAT IF THIS BN IS FIRED ON BY VNAF, THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS WILL BE ON TOP OF THE VNAF. CHIEF OF STAFF 1ST DIV ADVISED THAT GEN NHUAN HAS ORDERED THE COMPANY OF 3RD BN 3RD REGT CURRENTLY AT THE BRIDGE TO PREVENT ANY MOVEMENT ACROSS THE BRIDGE FROM EITHER DIRECTION.	SAIGON/STATE 4854 221201Z
	HUE	SAIGON ADVISED STATE OF BULLINGTON 221430H CONVERSATION WITH TRI QUANG. TRI QUANG IS ANXIOUSLY AWAITING ANSWER TO HIS REQUEST OF 21 MAY TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON. QUANG'S PARTING COMMENT WAS THAT HE WAS VERY SAD TO SEE AMERICANS, THIEU AND KY, AND COMMUNISTS ALL APPARENTLY ON SAME SIDE, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS WOULD BE QUICKLY REMEDIED INSOFAR AS AMERICANS ARE CONCERNED.	SAIGON/STATE 4855 221215Z
	HUE	SAIGON ADVISED STATE OF A CONVERSATION BETWEEN CORCORAN	SAIGON/STATE 4846 220710Z

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AND GEN NHUAN. CORCORAN COMMENTED THAT NHUAN'S PROBLEM IS THAT HE WANTS TO BE ON THE WINNING SIDE BUT HE IS LESS SURE NOW THAN HE WAS LAST MONTH WHICH IS GOING TO WIN. SHOULD IT BECOME CLEAR THAT KY IS GOING TO WIN, NHUAN WILL FIND A ROLE FOR HIMSELF. HE WILL EITHER CHANGE SIDES OR ISOLATE HIMSELF, MORE LIKELY THE LATTER.

GENERAL SAIGON ADVISED STATE THAT IN AN EFFORT TO ARRANGE A TALK BETWEEN KY AND THI, GEN WESTMORELAND IS SEEKING A MEETING WITH GEN THI AT CHU LAI. WITH KY'S APPROVAL AND HIS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO MEET THI, WESTMORELAND WILL OFFER TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AND URGE THE DESIRABILITY OF THE MEETING ON THI.

SAIGON/STATE
221005Z

GENERAL GEN WALT INSTRUCTED TO COORDINATE WITH GEN VIEN OR CAO AND DONG ON REQUEST FOR MEETING KEY TINH HOI STRUGGLE LEADERS AND AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE GOOD OFFICES TO ARRANGE MEETING BUT TOLD NOT TO BE PRESENT AT IT.

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220520Z

DANANG MACV CC REPORTED THAT THE ARVN 3/7 (APC) LANDED BY LST IN DANANG AND IS NOW LOCATED AT THE I CORPS HQS. AT 0900H, 100 STRUGGLE FORCES SURRENDERED IN DANANG. THREE STRUGGLE

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	DANANG	GEN WALT ADVISED MCCC AT 222055H THAT REPORTS OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE STRUGGLE AND GVN FORCES WERE STILL IN THE RUMOR STAGE WITH NO SPECIFICS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.	FONECON CMC/GEN WALT 220846Q
	GENERAL	GEN WALT ALSO ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING: THE 1ST DIV HAS FOUR BN'S INVOLVED IN OPERATIONS AGAINST THE VC. IT APPEARS THAT 1ST DIV UNITS ARE UNDER CONTROL OF THE DIVISION COMMANDER. 2ND DIV IS STILL INTACT AND HAS SEVERAL OPERATIONS UNDERWAY. THE STRUGGLE FORCES STILL HAVE THE AMMO DUMP AND HOI AN. IN LATE AFTERNOON OF 22 MAY, THERE WAS AN INCIDENT AT ONE OF THE PAGODAS INVOLVING NEWSMEN FROM THE CIB. NEWSMEN WERE CALLED TO THE PAGODA BY THE BUDDHISTS FOR A STATEMENT. UPON ARRIVAL, THE NEWSMEN, AFTER LEARNING THERE WAS NO STATEMENT TO BE RECEIVED, STARTED TO LEAVE, WHEN SOMEONE	FONECON CMC/GEN WALT 220846Q

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22 MAY ^o	DANANG (LATE ENTRY)	3/1 CHOPPED TO 3RD MARDIV TO ASSIST IN DEFENSE OF IN- STALLATIONS AND RIOT CONTROL IF NECESSARY.	FMFPAC CC FONECON 230131Z
23 MAY	DANANG	A NEW MAYOR HAS BEEN APPOINTED FOR DANANG BY THE NAME OF LTCOL CUONG WHO HAS BEEN SERVING AS HEADQUARTERS COMMAN- DANT TO THE JGS. A NEW POLICE CHIEF HAS ALSO BEEN INSTALLED. GEN THIEU BELIEVES GEN CAO WILL BE AN EFFECTIVE CORPS COM- MANDER. GEN WESTMORELAND EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS AS TO THE ABILITY OF CAO AND ASKED THIEU TO ASSURE ANY PLANS FOR AP- POINTMENT OF A NEW CORPS COMMANDER BE DISCUSSED WITH HIM (WESTMORELAND), SO HE COULD FORWARN GEN WALT TO AVOID THE CONFUSION THAT EXISTED WHEN GEN DINH WAS REPLACED. GENERAL GEN THI HAS SENT WORD TO THE DIRECTORATE THAT HE WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO A CIVILIAN JOB WITH THE GOVERNMENT. THI RE- FUSED TO COME TO SAIGON TO MEET KY WHO REFUSES TO LEAVE SAIGON TO MEET THI BECAUSE IT WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PRESTIGE OF HIS OFFICE. THIEU AND KY ARE WILLING TO GIVE THI SUCH AN APPOINTMENT. GEN DINH HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BECOMING AMB TO KOREA AND KY AND THIEU ARE WILLING TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENT.	SAIGON/STATE 4895 231400Z

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DANANG

I CORPS HQS GETTING BACK INOPERATION WITH STAFF OFFICERS RETURNING TO THEIR JOBS. THREE HUNDRED SERVICE TROOPS FROM VARIOUS UNITS WHO WERE MOVING TOWARD DANANG FROM HUE WERE TURNED BACK BY THREATS OF AIR ATTACK. ANOTHER 300 TROOPS FROM THE SOUTH WERE ROUNDED UP BY GOVERNMENT FORCES.

CIA 230743Z

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HOI AN

SPECIAL ZONE COMMANDER NGUYEN THO LAP IS TO MEET WITH FORMER ZONE COMMANDER YEU AND OTHERS IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE OPPOSITION TO LAP'S TAKING OVER.

23 MAY

DANANG

TINH HOI PAGODA SURRENDERED BY STRUGGLE FORCES. 250 UNIFORMED PERSONNEL, 75 CIVILIANS, 370 WEAPONS SURRENDERED - 33 CORPSES FOUND IN PAGODA. GOVERNMENT SEEMS IN EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF CITY. PHO DA PAGODA NO LONGER OCCUPIED BY STRUGGLER FORCES. AMMO DUMP OCCUPIED BY U. S. MARINES 2/4, BY NEGOTIATION. LTCOL LAP ARRIVED QNSS HEADQUARTERS AT HOI AN. NO TROUBLE INVOLVED. ONE COMPANY OF 3/3 REMAINS AT LONG CO BRIDGE.

FONECON FMFPAC CC
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MACV 231002Z
STATE 231226Z

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THUA THIEN PROVINCE CHIEF KHOA STATED HE PLANNED TO SEND BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO MAY 24 MEETING IN SAIGON OVER OBJECTIONS OF GENERAL DINH. KHOA REPORTEDLY TOLD QUANG THAT IF GOVERNMENT FORCES CAME TO THUA THIEN PROVINCE, HE DID NOT HAVE FORCES TO RELIEVE FROM FIGHTING VC REGARDLESS OF GOVERNMENT ACTION. GEN NHUAN IS SICK AGAIN AND GEN DINH IS RUNNING THE 1ST DIV. NHUAN COULD BE PERSUADED TO RETURN TO GOVERNMENT FOLD AND MOST OF DIVISION WOULD FOLLOW.

SAIGON/STATE 4875
230614Z

HUE

TRI QUANG WAS REPORTEDLY UPSET OVER A VOA REPORT OF A PRESS CONFERENCE BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON IN WHICH HE REMARKED THE STRUGGLE MOVEMENT HAD LITTLE SUPPORT. QUANG FURTHER STATED THAT ON 22 MAY, THE PEOPLE IN TINH HOI PAGODA HAD ASKED GENERAL WALT TO COME TO HELP INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HE SAID GEN DINH APPEALED PERSONALLY TO GENERAL WALT, BUT HE REFUSED TO GO. QUANG DEMANDED TO KNOW WHY AMERICANS HAD REFUSED TO HELP THEM NEGOTIATE. THE CONSUL OFFERED

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TO ASSIST IN NEGOTIATIONS IMMEDIATELY. QUANG SAID IT WAS TOO LATE AND DEMANDED THE U. S. DISCONTINUE ASSISTANCE TO KY AND THIEU.

GENERAL

KY INFORMED LODGE THAT HE PLANNED A "BERLIN TYPE AIRLIFT" TO BRING FOOD AND MEDICINE INTO DANANG.

SAIGON/STATE 4887
231215Z

232000H DANANG

CITY QUIET AND POPULATION MOVING IN STREETS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL DAYS. FORMER MAYOR AND STRUGGLE LEADER DR MAN HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND WILL BE TAKEN TO SAIGON. HOI AN PASSED PEACEFULLY UNDER GVN CONTROL. THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS THAT STRUGGLE FORCES INTENDED TO MAKE A MOVE ON LANG CO BRIDGE. ADVISORS HAVE RETURNED TO 1ST ARVN DIVISION.

SAIGON/STATE 4894
231340Z

HUE

A LARGE MEETING OF STRUGGLE LEADERS IS SCHEDULED FOR EVENING OF 23 MAY, PRESUMABLY TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS IN AFTERMATH OF COLLAPSE OF MOVEMENT IN DANANG.

23 MAY GENERAL

AT A MEETING WITH GEN WESTMORELAND, GEN VIEN EXPRESSED TO OPINION THAT CAO WAS INCAPABLE AS I CORPS COMMANDER. UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THE JOB WERE BGEN DONG OF THE AIRBORNE DIV AND LTGEN DO CAO TRI. CONCERNING THE PROBLEM OF

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BRINGING HUE BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT FOLD VIEN STATED HIS IDEA WAS TO INSTRUCT NHUAN TO MOVE HIS HQ AND 3D REGIMENT TO QUANG TRI AND TO ISOLATE HUE. IF NHUAN REFUSED TO MOVE, ANOTHER DIVISION COMMANDER WOULD BE INSTALLED. TO BRING ABOUT DISAFFECTION OF THE ARVN TROOPS IN HUE, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC PRESSURES WOULD BE APPLIED EMPHASIZING AN OPEN ARMS POLICY INVOLVING AMNESTY TO ALL PARTIES. WHEN GEN WESTMORELAND MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF A USMC BN BEING DEPLOYED TO QUANG TRI FOR OPERATIONS AGAINST THE VC WITH THE 1ST DIV, VIEN EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM. (u) ✓

23 MAY HUE

GEN THI MADE SPEECH ON RADIO HUE DURING EVENING OF 23RD ASKING AIRBORNE TROOPS TO TURN AGAINST THIEU & KY. IN A SECOND BROADCAST, GEN DINH JOINED THI AND APPEALED TO ALL PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE THAT THIEU AND KY HAVE CAUSED A CIVIL WAR.

CIA 24 MAY ✓

DANANG

AS OF 242052H ALL USMC ACFT THAT HAD EVACUATED DANANG HAD RETURNED.

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24 MAY	I CORPS	0800 - USMC FORCES GUARDING DANANG BRIDGE REDUCED FROM ONE CO TO ONE PLAT, AND BRIDGE OPENED TO ALL TRAFFIC 1600 - COL YEU, FORMER CMDR QNSS, ORDERED TO RETURN TO SAIGON BY 25TH OR BE DECLARED "DESERTER". NO CASUALTIES DURING 24TH, TOTALS REMAIN 18 USMC, 4 USAF AND 1 USN.	CG III MAF 241622Z (MCE0)
	HUE	GEN THI, DINH, NHUAN AND TRI QUANG ISSUED DECLARATION CALLING FOR ASSASSINATION OF THIEU AND KY. THE DECLARATION WAS PRESENTED TO US I CORPS ADVISOR BY 1ST DIV C/S GEN KHIEU, WHO NOTED THAT DECLARATION WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY "ACTION".	CIA 24 MAY
	CHU LAI	GEN WESTMORELAND MET WITH THI AT CHU LAI FOR 2 HOURS DURING AFTERNOON OF 24TH. WESTMORELAND COULD NOT PERSUADE THI TO MEET KY, HOWEVER WAS NOT GIVEN A FLAT NO.	SAIGON/STATE 4943 250440Z

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HUE

CORCORAN REPORTED INFORMATION RECEIVED ON ANTI-US DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR MORNING OF 25TH. CONSULATE IN PROCESS OF "BURNING CLASSIFIED MATERIAL" DUE TO FEARS THAT BUILDING WILL BE "TORN DOWN".

SAIGON/STATE 4935
250235Z

DEMONSTRATION BEGAN IN HUE AT 250942H WITH A CROWD OF 3,000 AND IS ANTI-AMERICAN IN NATURE. SIZE IS EXPECTED TO GROW.

MACV 250400Z

HUE

DEMONSTRATION FINALLY ATTENDED BY ABOUT 6,000 PEOPLE. NO UNIFORMED SOLDIERS IN CROWD. PROTEST AGAINST THIEU, KY, AND AMERICAN SUPPORT OF THEM. CABLE SENT TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON. STUDENTS, NOT CONNECTED WITH ABOVE DEMONSTRATION, ESTABLISHED ROADBLOCKS ON STREETS LEADING TO CONSULATE, SET UP TENTS ON LAWN. CONSULATE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM GEN NHUEN AND GEN THI. BOTH PROMISED TO ASSIST BUT HARASSMENT CONTINUES. POLICE AND TROOPS ARE ON THE SCENE BUT DEMONSTRATORS ARE BETWEEN POLICE AND CONSULATE.

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IN VIEW OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATION AND INABILITY OR LACK OF DESIRE OF POLICE AND TROOPS TO CONTROL THEM, CONSUL HUE CONSIDERING HE MAY HAVE TO EVACUATE. DECISION MAY BE REACHED IN NEXT 24 HOURS. EXPECT DEMONSTRATION OF "LOCAL PEOPLE" SCHEDULED FOR 26 MAY TO MAKE SITUATION MORE TENSE. IF EVACUATION TAKES PLACE, IT WILL BE DONE QUICKLY AND SECRETLY.

SAIGON/STATE 4959
251029Z

HUE

GEN THI EXPRESSED POSSIBLE INTEREST IN COMMAND OF I CORPS IN DISCUSSION WITH COUSUL OFFICER IN HUE. DISCUSSED POSSIBLE MEETING WITH GEN KY. HOPED TO PERSUADE KY TO STEP DOWN AS PM.

SAIGON/STATE 4977
251506Z

HUE

GEN FREUND, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR JUSPOA FIELD FORCES, MET WITH GEN DINH. GEN DINH WAS VERY AGITATED AND VIOLENT AGAINST KY AND THIEU. SAID HE, GEN DINH, AND NOT THI WAS IN COMMAND OF THE MILITARY STRUCTURE IN HUE.

SAIGON/STATE 4968
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GENERAL

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GEN KY MET WITH GEN WESTMORELAND, AGREED TO MEET WITH GEN THI ON 27 MAY AT CHU LAI.

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GENERAL

STATE PROVIDED GUIDANCE TO SAIGON IN CASE OF HUE EVACUATION CONCERNING LEAVING U.S. ADVISOR WITH MILITARY UNITS WHICH DEFECT TO GOVERNMENT SUPPORT. SOUTHERN BUDDHIST LEADER MAI THO TRUYEN DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY OFFICER THE SPLIT IN THE BUDDHIST GROUPS. STATED MILITANT BUDDHISTS CONTROLLED BY INSTITUTE MADE UP ONLY SMALL PORTION OF TOTAL COUNTRY BUDDHIST POPULATION.

STATE/SAIGON 3623
25MAY66

SAIGON/STATE 4975
251445Z

GEN THIEU DISCUSSED WITH LODGE PLANS FOR REESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF HUE. HE COMMENTED THAT AMERICAN OPINION VERY EMOTIONAL, TENDS TO MAGNIFY EVENTS IN VN. HE AGREES WITH SUPPLYING 1ST DIVISION WITH NECESSARY LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO ENABLE IT TO FIGHT VC. INTENTS TO ESTABLISH A BASE OUTSIDE OF HUE TO SERVE AS RALLY POINT FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO COME OUT. OTHERWISE HE HAD IN MIND USING A BLOCKADE.

SAIGON/STATE 4693
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25 MAY

DANANG

GEN CO DISCUSSED WITH GEN WALT MEETING WITH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN LEADERS HELD DURING DAY. HE HAD GIVEN

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THEM POLICY GUIDANCE IN RESPECT TO DISCIPLINE AND POLITICS WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES. HE TOLD GEN WALT THAT COL YEU WOULD PROBABLY FACE A COURT-MARTIAL BUT THAT GVN DID NOT WANT EXECUTIONS NOR LONG PRISON TERMS. HE AGREED TO MEET WITH GEN DINH AT PHU BAI. GEN WALT AGREED TO TRY TO ARRANGE MEETING. CO STATED CAO MUST STAY AS CG I CORPS. CO DOES NOT BELIEVE LOAN WAS GOING TO KILL CAO.

GEN WALT REPORTED EVENTS OCCURRING DURING NIGHT OF 24 MAY AND DAY OF 25 MAY. ALL FORCES ALERTED FOR RIOT CONTROL NOW IN STANDDOWN STATUS. DANANG SETTLING DOWN. MSR EXTENDED TO COMMERICAL PIER.

CG III MAF 251516Z

I CORPS ARVN PERSONNEL ASSISTING USMC IN TRAFFIC CONTROL. COL YEU TALKED TO GEN CO AND GEN PHONG AND THEN DEPARTED WITH GEN PHONG FOR SAIGON AT 1730. AGREEMENT REACHED WITH GEN PHONG THAT III MAF IN RESPONSE TO GVN REQUEST WOULD FURNISH 1ST ~~ARVN~~ DIV ~~FUEL~~ TO MEET OPERATION REQUIREMENTS. DIVISION WAS ISSUED

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	HOI AN	COL LAP CONDUCTING 3 DAY SEARCH FOR WEAPONS AND "STRUGGLE" PERSONNEL. ALL QUIET.	CG III MAF 251516Z

26 MAY	HUE	FUNERAL PROCESSION TOOK PLACE WITH CROWD OF 7000 IN ATTENDANCE. DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUE AT CONSULATE. THREATEN VIOLENT ACTION. USIS LIBRARY SACKED AND BURNED AT 1630 BY BUDDHIST STUDENTS. NO REPORTED INJURIES. POLICE, INCLUDING CHIEF, STOOD BY AND WATCHED. I CORPS SOURCES REPORT ATTEMPT MAY BE MADE TO SEIZE VOA AT HUE. 2ND BN 3RD REGT 1ST ARVN DIV HAS BEEN ORDERED INTO HUE TO PROTECT US CONSULATE. COL KHOA IS C.O. OF BN. THERE ARE INDICATIONS AN ATTACK MAY BE MADE ON THE CONSULATE ON THE NIGHT OF THE 26TH. U.S. CONSUL HAS RECOMMENDED LIMITED EVACUATION FOR 27MAY. ALL	SAIGON/STATE 4995 260612Z SAIGON/STATE 5000 261130Z SAIGON/STATE 4998 260913Z SAIGON/STATE 4997 260915Z FMFPAC FONECON 260858Q FMFPAC FONECON 260944Q
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AMERICANS IN NON-OFFICIAL CAPACITY WILL BE URGED TO
LEAVE. ALL IN OFFICIAL CAPACITY EXCEPT CONSUL, VICE
CONSUL, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER AND AID POLICE ADVISOR
WILL EVACUATE.

DANANG

DANANG REMAINS CALM. MOST WORKERS HAVE RETURNED TO WORK. BUSINESS RETURNED TO NORMAL HOURS. SHIP UNLOADING NORMAL. CURFEW NOW 2100-0600. COMMAND GROUP AND TWO COMPANIES 2/4 REMAIN IN VICINITY AMMO DUMP. RVN FORCE OF 120 CO-LOCATED IN DUMP. RELATIONS CORDIAL.

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2608580

GENERAL

ELECTORAL COMMITTEE DEALT WITH:

- (a) NUMBER OF DELEGATES AND POPULATION BASE
- (b) UNITS TO BE USED AS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS
- (c) QUESTION OF RESERVING SEATS FOR ARMED FORCES.

DECISION: 1 DELEGATE FOR EACH 100,000 PEOPLE.

COMMITTEE REJECTED IDEA OF ONLY SECURE AREAS USED FOR
POPULATION BASE. PROVINCES TO BE ELECTORAL DISTRICT
BASE. ALL CITIES AND PROVINCES HAVE AT LEAST 1 DELEGATE

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REGARDLESS OF POPULATION. NO RESERVED SEATS FOR ARMED
FORCES.!

FURTHER DETERMINED COMPOSITION OF LOCAL ELECTION BOARDS.

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26 MAY	GENERAL	REGARDLESS OF POPULATION. NO RESERVED SEATS FOR ARMED FORCES.	
		FURTHER DETERMINED COMPOSITION OF LOCAL ELECTION BOARDS.	
26 MAY	HUE	LATE ENTRY: LAST AFTERNOON STUDENT DELEGATION PRESENTED MESSAGE TO CONSULATE, DEMANDING U.S. CEASE SUPPORTING KY AND THIEU. PROTEST CONSULAR HANDLING OF FUNERAL PROCESSION AND DEMONSTRATION. CONSUL CONSIDERED THEIR MESSAGE A THREAT IN VIEW OF BURNING OF LIBRARY. LTCOL KHOA CONSULTED CONSULAR OFFICER CONCERNING PROTECTION PLANS FOR CONSULATE USING 2ND BN 3RD ARVN REGT. CONSULAR COMMENT: DOUBT THAT BATTALION AFFORDS MUCH REAL PROTECTION. KHOA ROLE AND EFFECTIVENESS DOUBTFUL.	SAIGON/STATE 261225Z 5008
	GENERAL	STUDENTS ARMED WITH KNIVES, PISTOLS AND GRENADES. LATE ENTRY: STATE CONCURRS WITH CORCORAN'S DECISION TO EVACUATE. SUGGESTED ALSO EVACUATING POLICE ADVISORS AND CONSIDER EVACUATING MILITARY ADVISORS OF UNITS OPENLY ALIGNED WITH STRUGGLE.	SAIGON/STATE 5019 261550Z STATE/SAIGON 3648 261840Z

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LATE ENTRY: STATE AGREED WITH SAIGON (ZORTHIE) THAT VOA INSTALLATION SHOULD NOT BE DEFENDED BY U.S. FORCES. IF ARVN FORCES USED, RECOMMENDED EVERYTHING POSSIBLE SHOULD BE DONE TO AVOID INCIDENTS WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO LOSS OF LIFE.

SAIGON/STATE 5015
261425Z

SAIGON INTENDS TO HAVE GEN WALT CONTACT GEN DINH TO ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED IN DANANG TAKEOVER. STATE REPLIED CONCURRING IN PLAN BUT THINK IT PREFERABLE GEN WALT NOT MENTION U.S. SUPPORT TO DINH IN ANY FASHION. WALT ONLY TO CORRECT DINH INFORMATION, AND TRY TO WORK OUT HIS RETURN TO FOLD.

STATE/SAIGON 3658
262237Z

DANANG

LATE ENTRY: GEN CO HAD DISCUSSION WITH GEN CAO, ATTEMPTING TO GET HIM TO RETURN TO I CORPS CP. CAO STILL REFUSES. CO SAID LOAN REPORTED TO THE DIRECTORATE THAT HE DID NOT THREATEN TO KILL CAO. STATE COMMENT: CAO OBVIOUSLY IN FEAR OF LIFE. SEEMS CLEAR GVN NOT HAPPY WITH CAO REMAINING IN III MAF CP.

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2/3 BLOCKING STREETS AROUND CONSULATE. SOME TROOPS

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		MIXING WITH STUDENTS. MONKS ARE GOING ON 48 HOUR HUNGER STRIKE. STUDENTS SCHEDULED TO CONDUCT PROTEST MARCH ABOUT 271700.	
		COL BOSTON TOLD C/S 1ST ARVN DIV THAT 2/3 WAS NOT RESPONDING TO LTCOL KHOA'S ORDERS. COL BOSTON UNABLE TO CONTACT GEN NHUAN AS "HE COULD NOT COME TO PHONE". COL KHOA REPORTED HE NO LONGER HAS CONTROL OF 2/3. DELEGATION OF APPROXIMATELY 100 BONZES MARCHED ON CONSULATE. LTCOL KHOA STOPPED THEM AT BARRICADES. MR. BULLINGTON MET BONZES AT BARRICADE, ACCEPTED STATEMENT FROM THEM, AGREED TO ALLOW SMALL DELEGATION TO COME INTO CONSULATE. BONZES STATEMENT STRESSED THEIR NON-VIOLENT ATTITUDE. BONZES THREATENED FURTHER ACTION. BULLINGTON RECEIVED MESSAGE AND LEFT BARRICADE.	SAIGON/STATE 5029 270745Z
		LTCOL KHOA ATTEMPTED TO SEE GEN NHUAN BUT WAS UNABLE TO. BONZES MOVED THROUGH WIRE BARRICADES TO STEPS OF CONSULATE, CUT CHESTS AND WROTE LETTERS IN BLOOD TO THE PRESIDENT. ARVN SOLDIERS PLACED PONCHOS ON BONZES TO KEEP OFF SUN AND RAIN.	SAIGON/STATE 5025 270655Z

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		CONSULATE PREPARING TO EVACUATE. CRYPTO GEAR HAS BEEN MOVED TO MACV COMPOUND.	NMCC PHONE CALL 280757Q
		AMBASSADOR LODGE ADVISED CONSUL TO EVACUATE UNLESS HE, THE CONSUL, HAS SOME STRONG OBJECTION.	NMCC PHONE CALL 270937Q
	CHU LAI	GEN THI AND GEN KY MET AT CHU LAI AS SCHEDULED. PRESENT WERE GEN VIEN, LAM AND LATER GEN VIN LOC (II CORPS COMMANDER). PRINCIPALS INITIALLY COOL BUT SMILING AND RELAXED WHEN THEY EMERGED. VIN LOC TOLD MACV MEETING VERY SUCCESSFUL. KY HAD AGREED TO GIVE THI AND DINH "JOBS IN ARMY". FURTHER LAM WOULD BE NEXT I CORPS COMMANDER. THI TALKED TO CAO, AT LUNCH WITH GEN WALT, ASKED CAO TO RETURN TO I CORPS CP. CAO REFUSED.	SAIGON/STATE 270815Z 5037
	BUE	LTCOL KHOA SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION AS MAYOR AND PROVINCE CHIEF. HE DID NOT RESIGN AS SECTOR COMMANDER AND MOVED HIS HQ TO HUONG THUY DISTRICT WITH APPROX 1000 LOYAL TROOPS. GEN WALT MET IN HUE WITH GEN DINH, WHO WAS SUPRISED AT TRUE STORY OF HOW GVN MOVED AGAINST STRUGGLE FORCES IN DANANG.	

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DINH STATED THAT PEOPLE OF HUE WERE BADLY MISINFORMED
IN THAT THEY BELIEVED THAT HUNDREDS HAD BEEN KILLED AND
POGODAS DESTROYED. DINH STATED THAT HE WOULD TRY TO
PASS ON CORRECTED PICTURE.

SAIGON

ELECTION LAW COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT:

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5051/271350Z

17 SEATS WOULD BE RESERVED FOR SAIGON

10 SEATS WOULD BE RESERVED FOR GIA DINH

6 SEATS WOULD BE RESERVED FOR MONTAGNARDS

6 SEATS WOULD BE RESERVED FOR CAMBODIANS

28 May

HUE

NO DEMONSTRATIONS REPORTED. CONSULATE SECURED WITH
ALL CLASSIFIED EQUIPMENT AND OFFICIALS RELOCATED TO
MACV COMPOUND. PLANS ESTABLISHED TO FURTHER EVACUATE
PERSONNEL TO PHU BAI IF REQUIRED. USMC WILL PROVIDE
SECURITY FOR THIS MOVE IF NECESSARY.

III MAF 290220Z

GEN NHUAN DIRECTED THE SO-CALLED "LT THUC" BN TO
HUE AND TURN IN ARMS. SIX TRUCKS WITH 150 ARMED
INDIVIDUALS RETURNED TO HUE. IN ADDITION TO 2/3 THE

III MAF 281258Z

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HUE

3/3 IS NOW UNDER CONTROL OF LTCOL KHOA TO RESTORE ORDER IN HUE, WHO HAS TOLD STUDENTS THAT HE WOULD TAKE OVER RADIO HUE AND WOULD PERMIT STUDENTS ONE HOUR PER DAY TO BROADCAST. REPORTED QUIET, WITH NO INCIDENTS.

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GEN VIEN REPORTED TO WESTMORELAND THAT ONE OF THI'S CONDITIONS ON RETURNING TO GVN WAS THAT GEN CO MUST BE REMOVED. VIEN PLANS ON MEETING DINH AT PHU BAI IN A FEW DAYS.

SAIGON/STATE
5080/281210Z

29 MAY

HUE

QUIET EXCEPT FOR SELF IMMOLATION OF NUN AT DIEU DE PAGODA. STRUGGLE COMMITTEE DEMANDED THAT LTCOL KHOA DECLARE HIS POSITION, AND DISMISSAL OF 4 DISTRICT CHIEFS. ALSO STATED PLANS TO ENCIRCLE U. S. COLONY, DESTROY HUE CONSULATE, BURN HOMES OF VN THAT WORK FOR U. S. AND DESTROY RURAL RECONSTRUCTION HQ.

FMFPAC 300437Z

I CORPS - III MAF PUBLISHED EFFECTS OF POLITICAL UNREST DURING PERIOD 23-29 MAY.

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HUE

THE TROOPS OF LTCOL KHOA WHO SURROUNDED RADIO HUE ON THE EVENING OF 28TH WERE CALLED OFF BY GEN DINH, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH TRI QUANG AND STRUGGLE COMMITTEE OVER CONTROL OR RADIO. MONK BURNED HIMSELF TO DEATH AT BUDDHIST INSTITUTE DURING EVENING.

CIA 291433Z

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SAIGON

30 MAY

HUE

1ST ARVN DIV HQ MOVED TO LA VANG AND LTCOL KHOA MOVED HQ TO HUONG THUY. KHOA REPORTED MORE SURE OF HIMSELF SINCE HIS FAMILY WAS MOVED TO DANANG FOR PROTECTION.

SAIGON/STATE 5133
301545Z

KHOA ISSUED ULTIMATUM TO STRUGGLE GROUP TO RETURN ARMS AND REMOVE STREET BLOCADES OR GVN OFFICES WOULD BE CLOSED, THERE WOULD BE NO WORK OR PAY AND CITY WOULD BE ABANDONED.

SAIGON/HUE 599
301210Z

IN RESPONSE TO WORD THAT TRI QUANG DESIRED TO TALK TO AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL, LODGE COMMENTED TO STATE THAT HE CONSIDERED THAT NO OFFICIAL SHOULD APPROACH TRI QUANG JUST NOW.

SAIGON/STATE 5122
301002Z

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DALAT

REPORTED THAT A YOUNG GIRL SLASHED HER WRIST ON
MORNING OF 29TH AND MONK BURNED SELF ON MORNING
OF 30TH. BOTH DIED AS A RESULT.

SAIGON/STATE 5117
300610Z

SAIGON

THICH TAM CHAU, CHAIRMAN OF BUDDHIST INSTITUTE (VHD),
ADDRESSED A LETTER TO THIEU AND KY ASKING THEM TO
RESIGN.

CIA 301256Z

31 MAY

SAIGON

EMBASSY REPORTED RELIABLE SOURCE CONFIRMS THAT VIEN
HOQ DAO HAS EIGHT BUDDHIST READY FOR SELF IMMOLATION
AND PLAN ON USING THEM AT RATE OF ONE A DAY.

SAIGON/STATE 5145
310800Z

GVN'S RELIEF OF 2 BUDDHIST CHAPLAINS FOR PASSING OUT
ANTI-GOVERNMENT LEAFLETS APPEARS TO IMPLEMENT MAY 19
ORDER TO CONFINE THEIR ACTIVITIES TO RELIGION.

SAIGON/STATE 5141
310621Z

DANANG

LATE ENTRY ON 28 MAY THE QNSS BECAME THE QUANG NAM
SECTOR, WITH THE SAME AREA LESS THE CITY OF DANANG.
A SEPARATE DANANG COMMAND WAS FORMED DIRECTLY UNDER
I CORPS.

III MAF 27J436Z

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HUE

BLACK PANTHER COMPANY RETURNED TO HUE FROM VICINITY OF HAI VAN PASS. 2/3 REMAINS DISPERSED THROUGHOUT CITY. A SIXTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL ATTEMPTED SELF IMMOLATION. DIED AT HUE CITY HOSPITAL. HUE RADIO REMAINS IN STUDENT HANDS. PEOPLE STRUGGLE FORCE LEADER BUU TON ANSWERED LTCOL KHOA'S ULTIMATUM, STATING STRUGGLE FORCE HAD NO ARMS TO SURRENDER, RADIO STATION OCCUPIED BY STUDENTS, NOT STRUGGLE GROUP, AND THAT BARRICADES WOULD BE REMOVED. AS OF 2300, RADIO STATION APPEARS TO BE LOCKED AND VACANT. BARRICADES NOT REMOVED, BUT MANNED BY ARMED STUDENTS.

SAIGON/STATE
5159/311700Z

DANANG

11TH RANGER BN TO BE MOVED TO DUC MY FOR RETRAINING. WILL BE RECOMMITTED OUTSIDE OF I CORPS AFTER TRAINING. III MAF PASSED MESSAGE FROM GEN WESTMORELAND TO GEN CAO ADVISING HIM TO RETURN TO SAIGON. GEN LAM NOW ASSIGNED AS I CORPS COMMANDER. GEN CAO, THOUGH VISIBLY SHAKEN, DEPARTED FOR SAIGON. III MAF PASSED MESSAGE TO GEN DINH THAT GEN VIEN DESIRED TO MEET HIM AT CHU LAI ON 1 JUNE. APPROXIMATELY 1800, GEN LAM ARRIVED IN III MAF TO ASSUME DUTIES AS CG I CORPS.

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DANANG STATED HE DID NOT DESIRE JOB, BUT WAS VOTED IN. HE
DESIRED TO KEEP MILITARY AND POLITICS SEPARATED.
VEHICULAR CONVOY SENT FROM DANANG TO PHU BAI. NO INCIDENT.
GENERAL GEN KY MEETING WITH HEADS OF BUDDHIST INSTITUTE.

1 JUNE

HUE

LTCOL KHOA BRIEFED CONSULATE OFFICER ON HIS PLANS TO
SECURE THE CITY. REMOVAL OF TROOPS FROM HUE, INCLUDING
SERVICE TROOPS. REQUESTED OPCON OF 3/3. REMOVAL OF TECH-
NICIANS FROM RADIO STATIONS. INTENDS TO ORDER NATIONAL
POLICE IN HUE TO REPORT TO HIM IN HUONG TUY. CONSULATE
FEELS KHOA'S INTENTIONS ARE GOOD, BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE HE IS
CAPABLE OF CARRYING THEM OUT. KHOA LEFT IMMEDIATELY AFTER
BRIEFING BY HELICOPTER TO CONFER WITH GEN LAM AT DANANG.

SAIGON/STATE
010515Z/5169

HUE

APPROXIMATELY 0900, STUDENTS HELD MEETING AT MORIN BUILDING
DECIDED TO DESTROY CONSULATE, PROVINCE CHIEF HOUSE, AND CARRY
OUT POLICY OF "NON-COOPERATION WITH AMERICANS FOREVER." AT
1100, THEY APPROACHED CONSULATE, COMPANY OF 2/3 FLED AND
STUDENTS COMMENCED BURNING CONSULATE AND ASSISTANT'S
RESIDENCE AND SOME OTHER BUILDINGS. VIETNAMESE FLAG RAISED

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HUE

IN FRONT OF THE CONSULATE. FIRE ENGINES ARRIVED AFTER MOB DEPARTED APPROXIMATELY 1145. AT 1300, CONSULATE APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 70% DESTROYED. LTCOL KHOA RESIDENCE SACKED BY MOB. CAS REPORTS TWO OF THEIR PERSONNEL ARRESTED WITH JEEP AND RADIO. LEADER OF THE MOB REPORTED TO BE NGUYEN VAN DIEN, WHO LED THE MOB THAT BURNED THE LIBRARY EARLIER.

HUE

RADIO STATION REMAINED OFF AIR DURING EARLY MORNING, DOOR IS PADLOCKED. STUDENTS REMAINED ON BARRICADES DURING NIGHT AND WERE REPORTED TO BE ARMED WITH MANY VARIOUS WEAPONS. MACV ADVISORS REQUESTED TRUCKS FROM ARVN TO PROCEED TO DANANG AND PICK UP SUPPLIES. TRUCKS WERE TO CARRY 100 DISARMED MEMBERS OF "LT THUC" BATTALION BACK TO DANANG.

SAIGON/STATE
5167/010458Z

HUE

MACV OFFICER REPORTED LAMBRETTA LOAD OF CARBINES OUTSIDE STRUGGLE FORCE HEADQUARTERS. WEAPONS BEING CARRIED INSIDE. FURTHER REPORTS INDICATE STUDENTS HAVE BROKEN INTO CENTRAL GRIEVANCE HEADQUARTERS AND OBTAINED BETWEEN 160-200 WEAPONS.

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1 JUNE SECRET	CHU LAI	GEN DINH MET WITH GEN VIEN. DINH RETURNED TO HUE TO CARRY OUT VIEN'S SUGGESTIONS. (NOT REPORTED) DINH WAS WITH GEN WALT WHEN HE HEARD OF CONSULATE BEING DESTROYED. HE BECAME VERY UPSET AND RETURNED IMMEDIATELY TO HUE. GEN LAM TOLD GEN WALT HE BELIEVED LTCOL KHOA HAD SUFFICIENT FORCE AVAILABLE TO HIM TO TAKE CARE OF MOB IN HUE WITHOUT USING GENERAL RESERVE BATTALIONS IN DANANG.	SAIGON/STATE 010545Z/5170
1 JUNE	DANANG	GEN WALT INFORMED GEN WESTMORELAND THAT BRIDGE NORTH OF HAI VAN PASS WAS BEING MINED. GEN WESTMORELAND AUTHORIZED GEN WALT TO MOVE U.S. TROOPS TO TAKE OVER BRIDGE SECURITY. ESTIMATE OF STRUGGLE FORCE NOW IN HUE IS APPROXIMATELY 300. GEN NHUAN SAYS HE INTENDS TO COME IN WITH 1ST DIVISION AND CLEAN UP STRUGGLE GROUP.	SAIGON/STATE 011125Z/5176
1 JUNE	GENERAL	GEN KY INFORMED AMBASSADOR LODGE THAT HIS MEETING WITH BUDDHIST LEADERS ON THE 31ST WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. HE AGREED TO ENLARGE DIRECTORATE TO INCLUDE CIVILIANS. HE SAID HE REQUIRED ONLY TWO THINGS FROM BUDDHISTS, (1) THEY BE ANTI-COMMUNIST (2) THEY FAVOR DEMOCRACY. HE DID NOT WANT POWER FOR HIMSELF	SAIGON/STATE 010350Z/5163

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BUT WAS PREPARED TO LEAVE ANYTIME ANYONE BETTER COULD DO THE JOB. HE SAID MINIMUM GOVERNMENT FORCE WAS USED IN DANANG. HE ASKED THAT BUDDHIST LEADERSHIP END STRUGGLE TO BRING DOWN GOVERNMENT. HE SAID BUDDHIST SAID THEY AGREED AND WERE PREPARED TO CALL OFF STRUGGLE. BUDDHIST LEADERS SAID ANY AGREEMENT THEY REACHED WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO TRI QUANG. IT WAS AGREED THAT THEY WOULD MEET AGAIN ON THE 1st OF JUNE TO WORK OUT DETAILS.

1 JUNE

GENERAL

IN SAIGON, THIEN MINH WAS WOUNDED BY A GRENADE THROWN BY UNKNOWN PERSONS. REPORTED TO BE IN HOSPITAL, SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. CROWDS LATER FORMED, BURNED U.S. JEEP, THREW ROCKS AT TWO U. S. SERVICEMEN.

MACV 011206Z

1 JUNE

GENERAL

REPORTS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETINGS HELD BETWEEN PRINCIPAL LEADERS OF THE BUDDHIST INSTITUTE AND GVN ARE CONTRADICTORY. THE BUDDHISTS CLAIM THAT THEY AGREED UPON POINTS INCLUDED THE ULTIMATE REMOVAL FROM POWER OF KY AND THIEU. BOTH KY AND THIEU DENY THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL WAS MADE AT THE MEETING. THE ONLY AGREEMENT APPEARS TO BE TO ENLARGE THE DIRECTORATE BY 10 MEMBERS WHO WOULD BE CIVILIANS.

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2 JUNE	HUE	GEN LAM STATES HE WILL USE 1ST DIV TROOPS TO CONTROL CITY IF NECESSARY. ELEMENTS OF FIRST ARVN DIV BEGAN ARRIVING 020115H. IN CONVERSATION WITH SENIOR ADVISOR, 1ST DIV C/S COL KHIEU INDICATED THAT GEN NHUAN WAS CONSULTING WITH THICH TRI QUANG ON MEANS OF RESTORING ORDER IN HUE. KHIEU INDICATED GEN THI WAS ALSO OFFERING ADVISE. ALL GVN OFFICES REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN CLOSED INDEFINITELY.	COMUSMACV 012131Z SAIGON/STATE 5206 020025Z
		AT 1640H, A MOB OF 100 STUDENTS SACKED AND BURNED A HOUSE 50 YARDS FROM MACV COMPOUND AS ARVN SOLDIERS STOOD AND WATCHED.	HUE/SAIGON 800 020320Z
		CITY REMAINS QUIET WITH 1/3 INF BN, 1/1 INF BN, ONE CO OF 2/3 INF BN, 1/5 TROOP (TANKS), 2/7 TROOP (APC), BLACK PANTHER CO, AND 101ST ENGR BN. 1ST DIV TAC CP HQ ALSO IN HUE. AT 1100H, GEN NHUAN VISITED LTCOL KHOA'S HQ AND REPORTED THAT HE HAD ESTABLISHED CONTROL IN HUE. FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS TO BE ENFORCED:	COMUSMACV 030330Z COMUSMACV 031231Z
		BUDDHIST DEMONSTRATE IN PAGODAS ONLY	
		SOLDIERS IN UNIFORM NOT TO BE INVOLVED IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.	

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GROUPS DISREGARDING WILL BE ARRESTED.

CURFEW WOULD BE FROM 2100 TO 0600 DAILY.

A MEETING WAS THEN HELD WITH THI AND AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT GEN NHUAN WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY IN HUE AND LTCOL KHOA WOULD RESTORE THE PROVINCE FUNCTION. GEN THI STATED THAT HE WAS THE "PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF GEN KY TO SETTLE PROBLEMS IN HUE".

2 JUNE

DANANG

COL LE CHI CUONG, NEW MAYOR OF DANANG, STATED HE LEFT HIS FAMILY IN SAIGON BECAUSE HE ONLY EXPECTS TO BE IN DANANG FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS. HE HOPES BY THAT TIME TO RID THE CITY OF COMMUNIST INFILTRATION.

SAIGON/STATE 5214
021036Z

CO I/3/4 DEPLOYED TO LANG CO BRIDGE (BETWEEN DANANG AND PHU BAI) AND ASSUMED SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BRIDGE. USMC PLATOON REMOVED FROM TOURANE BRIDGE, WHICH IS NOW GUARDED BY MP'S (USMC AND ARVN).

COMUSMACV 022136Z

SAIGON

SAIGON PUBLISHED FIRST ROUGH DRAFT OF DOCUMENT PREPARED BY SUB COMMITTEE OF ELECTION LAW DRAFTING ON FORMATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. CHANGES ARE EXPECTED TO BE MADE.

SAIGON/STATE 5203
020607Z

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GVN ANNOUNCED PLANS TO ENLARGE DIRECTORATE BY 10 CIVILIANS BY 6 JUNE. THERE WILL ALSO BE CREATED, REPORTEDLY BY 19 JUNE, A NEW JOINT CIVILIAN MILITARY ADVISORY COUNCIL WHICH WILL HAVE THE DUTY OF PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO GVN. GVN DID NOT AGREE TO REPLACING GEN THIEU AND KY ALTHOUGH BUDDHISTS PRESSING POINT.

SAIGON/STATE 5224
021400Z

CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF THIEU AND KY, A LAWYER PRESENT AT THE MEETING REPORTED, A "GENTLEMANS AGREEMENT" HAD BEEN REACHED THAT THIEU AND KY WOULD RESIGN, HOWEVER THAT THE ENLARGED DIRECTORATE WOULD RE-ELECT THEM TO THEIR POSITIONS. BUDDHIST LEADERS AGREED TO DO THEIR BEST TO CALL OFF DEMONSTRATIONS, HOWEVER THEIR CONTROL OVER MORE RADICAL ELEMENTS IS NOT CERTAIN.

SAIGON/STATE 5220
021705Z

3 JUNE

HUE

GEN LAM STATED THAT HUE PROBLEM "SOLVED". HE ADMITS THERE ARE DIFFICULT TIMES AHEAD. HE ASKED GEN WALT TO RUN A COMBINED OPERATION IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH 3 ARVN BN'S NOW IN DANANG, 2 ARVN BN'S FROM 1ST DIV AND 2 USMC BN'S. FOLLOWING OPERATION A VICTORY PARADE

III MAF 030929Z

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WOULD BE HELD IN HUE, AND THEN FORCES WOULD PARTICIPATE
IN AN OPERATION IN AN HOA AREA.

THICH TAM CHAU RESIGNED AS CHAIRMAN OF BUDDHIST INSTITUTE. CIA 031017Z
NATIONAL POLICE EXPECT EXTREMISTS TO ASSUME CONTROL AND
ANTICIPATE VIOLENCE AS A RESULT.

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3 JUNE

HUE

A HIGH RANKING ARVN OFFICER REPORTED THAT THE STRENGTH OF STRUGGLE FORCES IN HUE IS ABOUT 1,000, CONCENTRATED IN TWO PAGODAS, DIEU DE AND TU DAM. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THEY POSSESS SUFFICIENT ARMS FOR THAT NUMBER. GEN NHUAN, 1ST ARVN DIV COMDR, IS COMPLETELY AT ODDS WITH DIRECTORATE AND GEN LAM IS DEALING DIRECTLY WITH NHUAN'S SUBORDINATES. C/S, 1ST ARVN DIV, THE THREE REGIMENTAL COMMANDERS, THE COMMANDER OF THE ARMORED CORPS UNITS IN THE AREA, AND THE PROVINCE CHIEF ARE ALL LOYAL TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. THE GENERAL FEELING IN THE DIRECTORATE IS THAT GEN NHUAN SHOULD BE TRIED AND SHOT.

3 JUNE

HUE

CG I CORPS CONDUCTED LEAFLET DROP PRAISING ALL SOLDIERS IN 1ST DIVISION FOR THEIR CONDUCT IN PREVENTING BLOODSHED. LEAFLETS ALSO STATED SUPPLIES OF FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT IN NEAR FUTURE AND DIRECTED ANYONE WITH ILLEGAL WEAPONS TO TURN THEM IN TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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031800Z

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TUI QUANG, IN PRESS CONFERENCE, RESTATED RESPONSIBILITY OF U.S. FOR CONDUCT OF KY AND THIEU.

SAIGON/STATE 5252
031659Z

DEMONSTRATION OF BETWEEN 3,000-5,000 PEOPLE AT DIEU DE PAGODA. THEME PROTEST OF ATTACK ON THIEN MIEN. PROTEST ORDERLY.

SAIGON/STATE 5251
031645Z

DANANG

BUDDHIST NUN BURNED HERSELF TO DEATH AT 1100 IN DOWNTOWN DANANG.

SAIGON/STATE 5249
031620Z
MACV 032218Z

DANANG

THE USMC PLATOON STATIONED AT THE TOURANE RIVER BRIDGE WAS RETURNED TO THE DANANG AIRBASE AND ALL TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS IN THE DANANG AREA WERE LIFTED. THE LOGISTIC SITUATION HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL. ALTHOUGH THERE APPEARS TO BE A WORKING EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE BETWEEN USMC UNITS AND ELEMENTS OF 1ST ARVN DIV, I CORPS G-2 IS HAVING DIFFICULTY OBTAINING REPORTS FROM 1ST ARVN DIV G-2. LIBERTY CONTINUES TO BE SUSPENDED THROUGHOUT I CTZ AND DANANG USO REMAINS CLOSED. CIVIC ACTION ACTIVITIES HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL.

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4 JUNE

QUANG TRI

A BUDDHIST (MALE), THICH TAN HAN (ALSO VAN NGOC TY), COMMITTED SELF-IMMOLATION AT QUANG TRI. AN ESTIMATED 4,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED A MEETING AT THE MAIN QUANG TRI PAGODA TO COMMEMORATE THE SUICIDE.

SAIGON/STATE 5274
041500Z

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HUE

GEN LAM FLEW TO HUE AT 0845H AND CONFERRED WITH GEN NHUAN, COL TOAN AND COL KHOA. CITY WAS QUIET. LAM AND NHUAN APPEARED FRIENDLY. LAM RETURNED TO DANANG AT 1130H.

AT 0930H, 200-250 PEOPLE REPORTEDLY MARCHING ON THE U.S. AID BUILDING WERE STOPPED BY ARVN.

SA, 1ST ARVN DIV, REPORTED POSITIONING OF ARVN FORCE IN HUE ALMOST COMPLETE. ARVN CONVOYS MOVED FREELY BETWEEN HUE AND DANANG.

COL KHOA INFORMED CONSULATE OFFICER THAT, MILITARILY SPEAKING, THE CITY IS NOW UNDER CONTROL, BUT IMPLIED THAT IN REALITY NOTHING HAS CHANGED. KHOA NOTED NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE AND THAT, ALTHOUGH 174 WEAPONS HAVE BEEN TURNED IN, THEY ARE NOW IN THE HANDS OF

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GARRISON COMMANDERS, WHICH IS THE SAME AS GIVING THEM BACK TO THE STRUGGLERS. KHOA STATED GEN NHUAN BROUGHT 1ST DIV TROOPS TO HUE ON DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS FROM THICH TRI QUANG.

AMCONSUL, HUE, COMMENTED THAT THE WHOLE OPERATION IN HUE GIVES EVERY APPEARANCE OF BEING A SHAM, ORCHESTRATED BY TRI QUANG.

DANANG

SITUATION IN DANANG AND HOI AN UNEVENTFUL.

SAIGON/STATE 5277
050520Z

5 JUNE

GENERAL

A HIGH RANKING VN ARMY OFFICER REPORTED THAT 12 CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE EXPANDED DIRECTORATE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT 10 WILL JOIN AT A SCHEDULED MEETING ON 6 JUNE. GEN THIEU WILL SUBMIT HIS RESIGNATION AT THE MEETING AND, IF MATTERS PROCEED AS ANTICIPATED, WILL BE REAPPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW DIRECTORATE.

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CIVILIANS INVITED ARE:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
TRAN VAN AN	CAO DAI
NGUYEN LUU VIEN	INDEPENDENT
VAN THAN CAO	CAO DAI
TRAN VAN QUE	CAO DAI
NGUYEN VAN HOYEN	CATHOLIC
VU NGOC TRAN	CATHOLIC
DR. PHAN HUU CHUONG	BUDDHIST
TRAN VAN DO	BUDDHIST
LUONG TRONG TUONG	HOA HAO
HUYNH VAN NHIEM	HOA HAO
TRAN DINH NAM	FROM HUE
PHAN KHOANG	FROM HUE

DR. CHUONG IS A BUDDHIST INSTITUTE SUPPORTER WHO LEANS TOWARD THE VIEWS OF THE MODERATE THICH TAM CHAU. TRAN VAN DO IS THE PRESENT FOREIGN MINISTER. PHAN KHOANG WILL BE MADE A MEMBER ONLY IF TRAN DINH NAM DOES NOT ACCEPT THE INVITATION.

GENERAL

THICH QUANG LIEN, HEAD OF VN BUDDHIST FORCES, INFORMED EMBOFF THAT THE INSTITUTE COUNCIL HAS NOT ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATIONS OF THICH TAM CHAU AND HO GIAC, AND A MISSION HAS BEEN SENT TO VUNG TAU TO BRING TAM CHAU BACK, BY "FORCE" IF NECESSARY.

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GEN NHUAN AND GEN LAM DEPARTED FOR SAIGON AT 1315 IN VNAF AIRCRAFT. EXPECTED TO RETURN SAME DAY. TRI QUANG ANNOUNCED UNKNOWN PERSONS HAD VIOLATED DIEU DE PAGODA, DIRECTED ALL FAITHFUL TO TAKE FAMILY ALTARS AND PLACE IN STREETS SO U.S. AND GOVERNMENT TROOPS COULD DESTROY THEM. QUOTED AS SAYING "AMERICANS DON'T LIKE BUDDHA. COMMUNISTS DON'T LIKE BUDDHA. THEREFORE AMERICANS ARE COMMUNISTS." BY 061600H TRUCK TRAFFIC CAME TO STAND STILL. BY 1630H, I CORPS C/S HAD DIRECTED COLONEL DO, C.O. OF 7TH CAV TO HAVE TROOPS PICK UP ALTARS AND TAKE THEM BACK TO HOUSES. BY 1830H COLONEL NGHI HAD RECIEVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM GEN LAM IN SAIGON. HE SAID TO LET PEOPLE DEMONSTRATE AT THIS TIME. GEN LAM IS BRINGING LEAFLETS BACK WHICH WILL ANNOUNCE THAT THE ARMED FORCES PROTECT ALL RELIGIONS. BY 1930H, I CORPS ADVISORY G-2 INFORMED THAT QUANG TRI PEOPLE ALSO SETTING OUT ALTARS. ALL MILITARY TRAFFIC PRESENTLY HALTED.

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DANANG

I/3/4, WHICH HAS BEEN MAINTAINING SECURITY OF THE LANG CO BRIDGE NORTH OF DANANG, WAS SCHEDULED TO BE RELIEVED BY AN RF COMPANY AT 1200H.

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GENERAL

SAIGON PASSED AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE FINAL VERSION OF SUBCOMMITTEE TWO (ORG OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION) RECOMMENDATIONS, EXPECTED TO GO TO GVN ON 7 OR 8 JUNE. RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIST OF 12 ARTICLES, PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OF DEPUTIES BY DIRECT, SECRET BALLOT TO BE CONVENED AS A NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY WITHIN 15 DAYS FOLLOWING ELECTION. PROVISION IS MADE FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS, FOR IMMUNITY OF MEMBERS FROM ARREST AND CIVIL SUIT, FOR COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS AND THAT CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY MAY BE CHANGED INTO A LEGISLATION ASSEMBLY IF THE CONSTITUTION IS SO WRITTEN.

SAIGON/STATE 5300
060515Z

GENERAL

DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER BUI DIEM GAVE EMBOFF A LIST OF 10 CIVILIANS TO BE ADDED TO DIRECTORATE. NAMES ARE THE SAME AS THOSE REPORTED ON 5 JUNE EXCEPT THAT LUONG TRONG TUONG AND TRAN DINH NAM DO NOT

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APPEAR. SAIGON COMMENTED THAT CHANGES MAY OCCUR IN
THE CIVILIAN LINE-UP BEFORE THE REORGANIZATION OF
THE DIRECTORATE IS COMPLETED.

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6 JUNE	HUE	<p>APPEAR. SAIGON COMMENTED THAT CHANGES MAY OCCUR IN THE CIVILIAN LINE-UP BEFORE THE REORGANIZATION OF THE DIRECTORATE IS COMPLETED.</p> <p>GEN NHUAN, CG 1ST ARVN DIV, IN A SPEECH TO HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL, STATED 1ST DIV HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE BUDDHIST STRUGGLE AND MILITARY PERSONNEL MUST OBSERVE DISCIPLINE AND COMPLY WITH ORDERS.</p> <p>STRUGGLE RADIO ACCUSED AMERICANS OF ACTING LIKE COMMUNISTS, FOR WHICH BUDDHISTS WILL TREAT THEM AS THEY TREAT COMMUNISTS. DURING BROADCAST, TRI QUANG CAME ON AIR AND EMOTIONALLY URGED BUDDHISTS TO AVOID PAGODAS DUE TO IMMINENT NOCTURNAL OPERATIONS BY GVN PLANES, TANKS AND SOLDIERS WITH AMERICAN SUPPORT. TRI QUANG WARNED THAT COL LOAN, "THE EVIL ONE" WOULD APPEAR IN HUE AS HE DID IN DANANG.</p>	<p>SAIGON/STATE 5315 061400Z</p> <p>SAIGON/STATE 5324 061535Z</p>
7 JUNE	HUE	<p>CLANDESTINE STRUGGLE FORCE RADIO CALLING FOR GENERAL STRIKE STARTING 7 JUNE, ALSO FOR BUDDHIST SOLDIERS TO PREPARE TO TAKE STAND OF NON-COOPERATION WITH GOVT, FOR</p>	<p>SAIGON/STATE 5338 070500Z</p>

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BUDDHISTS TO BE NON-VIOLENT AND, IF STRUGGLE RADIO GOES OFF THE AIR FOR ALL MONKS AND NUNS TO GO TO JAILS AND ASK TO BE ADMITTED.

CONOFF CALLED ON PROVINCE CHIEF KHOA TO PROTEST RENEWED VANDALISM AT CONSULATE DESPITE POLICE AND ARVN GUARD. SAIGON/STATE 5329 060200Z

KHOA NOTED THAT HUE CITY POLICE CHIEF CAN AND HUE CITY SPECIAL BRANCH CHIEF BA (BOTH STRUGGLE SUPPORTERS) HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY CAPT PHAMHKACH DAT AND 2DLT TANH RESPECTIVELY. THE LATTER WERE FORMERLY THE NAM HOA DISTRICT CHIEF AND ASSISTANT AND ARE ANTI-STRUGGLE AND PRO-GVN.

KHOA'S ATTITUDE IS BASICALLY DESPAIR AND HE CANNOT BE COUNTED ON TO TAKE STRONG ACTION OF ANY SORT.

CONSUL REPORTED STRIKE FULLY EFFECTIVE IN HUE FOR SHOPS, MARKETS AND TRANSPORTATION, BUT ONLY PARTIALLY EFFECTIVE FOR GOVT OFFICES. ALTARS CONTINUE TO BLOCK MOST MAIN STREETS TO ALL BUT TWO WHEELED VEHICLES. SAIGON/STATE 5339 070501Z

GENERAL

SAIGON REPORTED TECHNIQUE OF BLOCKING STREETS WITH ALTARS IS SPREADING IN CENTRAL VIETNAM, WITH ALTARS IN

SAIGON/STATE 5336 070437Z

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STREETS AT QUANG TRI, DANANG AND QUI NHON. IN DANANG TRAFFIC SLOWED BUT NOT BLOCKED. IN QUI NHON SEVERAL IMPORTANT STREETS COMPLETELY BLOCKED AND PORT CLOSED. HUE STRUGGLE FORCE RADIO APPARENTLY BEING HEARD IN DANANG AND QUI NHON.

7 JUNE

HUE

ARVN LOUDSPEAKER ACFT FLEW OVER CITY STREETS ASKING PEOPLE TO REMOVE ALTARS FROM STREETS, AND DROPPING

SAIGON/STATE 5348
071130Z

LEAFLETS WITH SAME REQUEST. CONSUL REPORTS ALTARS STILL IN STREETS AND NO ONE DOING ANYTHING TO REMOVE THEM.

DANANG

MACV REPORTED MOST SHRINES AND ALTARS REMOVED FROM DANANG STREETS BUT NONE REPORTED REMOVED FROM HUE AND QUANG TRI.

MACVCC 071405Z

SAIGON

AMBASSADOR, IN CONVERSATION WITH KY, INQUIRED AS TO ARVN BN'S MOVING FROM DANANG TO HUE. KY REPLIED THIS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HUE BUT WAS AN OPERATION AGAINST THE VC (AMBASSADOR WAS APPARENTLY NOT INFORMED REGARDING OPN FLORIDA). KY COMMENTED THAT IF MILITARY AND CIVILIANS IN DIRECTORATE CAN WORK SMOOTHLY TOGETHER UNTIL SEPTEMBER IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO POSTPONE ELECTIONS, HOWEVER KY THINKS ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER AND HAS

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DELEGATED GEN TRI TO MAKE PREPARATIONS. GEN KHANG
WILL REPLACE GEN TRI IN III CORPS.

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8 JUNE

HUE

LODGE REPORTED THAT CORCORAN IS CONCERNED OVER POSSI-
BILITY THAT GVN FORCES IN HUE MAY FAIL TO ACT OR ACT
INDECISIVELY AND ACHIEVE ONLY CONFUSION, PIN DOWN 1ST
ARVN DIV UNITS AND PROVIDE VC WITH ADVANTAGES.

SAIGON/STATE 5398
090235Z

BN CMD OF 1/3 ARVN ORDERED TROOPS TO REMOVE ALTARS FROM
STREETS BUT MEN REFUSED TO OBEY ORDERS.

III MAF 081404Z

SAIGON TASK FORCE LOCATED 6 MILES SOUTH OF HUE REPORTED
TO HAVE ORDERS TO REMAIN THERE UNTIL ORDERS RECEIVED
FROM GEN LAM. UNITS HAD MOVED FROM DANANG TO CONDUCT
OPERATION FLORIDA.

1ST DIV BUDDHIST CHAPLIN ENCOURAGING SOLDIERS TO PAR-
TICIPATE IN DEMONSTRATIONS.

GEN LAM VISITED HUE DURING MORNING TO MEET WITH GEN'S
NHUAN AND ENGLISH. HE STATED HE INTENDED TO CONDUCT
FLORIDA, "AT ALL COST, INCLUDING SHOOTING PERSONS WHO
TRY TO STOP TROOP MOVEMENT THRU HUE."

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ARVN UNITS LEAD USMC SUPPLY COLUMN THROUGH HUE. TRI
QUANG TOOK UP POSITION IN FRONT OF PROVINCE HQ AND STATED
THAT HE WAS ON A HUNGER STRIKE UNTIL HE WAS ANSWERED
BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON, KY AND THIEU.
DANANG QUIET EXCEPT FOR 2 MP'S WOUNDED BY GRENADE THROWN
AT AFP GATE SENTRIES.

9 JUNE

SAIGON

KY REPORTED TO LODGE THAT HE INTENDED TO RETAIN DO AS
FORIEGN MINISTER BUT PLANS ON SPENDING ONE DAY HIM-
SELF IN SEOUL AND MAKING A SPEECH TO CONFERENCE.

SAIGON/STATE 5406
091100Z
SAIGON/STATE 5407
091110Z

LODGE PROVIDED KY A SUMMARY OF HIS MEETING WITH TAM CHAU
INCLUDING HIS ASSURANCE THAT KY WOULD HOLD FAIR ELEC-
TIONS AS SCHEDULED.

OPN FLORIDA POSPONED INDEFINETLY AS TROOP MOVEMENT
RESTRICTED BY DEMONSTRATIONS.

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9 JUNE

HUE

TRI QUANG HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT 1000 INSIDE PROVINCE HEADQUARTERS WHERE HE IS HOLDING HUNGER STRIKE. GEN THI WAS PRESENT AND TALKED TO TRI QUANG. TRI QUANG STATED THAT GVN PLANS TO ASSASSINATE THIEN MINH, TAM CHAU AND QUANG.

SAIGON/STATE 5400
090015Z

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HUE

TWO VN BATTALIONS PASSED THRU HUE AND PROCEEDED 8 MILES BEFORE BEING BLOCKED FOR UNKNOWN REASONS. A THIRD BATTALION MOVED 2 MILES N BEFORE HALTING. USMC CONVOY BLOCKED AT BRIDGE ACROSS RIVER AT HUE AND RETURNED TO PHU BAI. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS INDICATE THAT COLONEL LOAN IS NOW IN PHU BAI.

III MAF 091442Z

DANANG

I CORPS REPORTED THAT TROOPS OF 2D BN VNMC HAD MOVED NORTH FROM HAI VON PASS TAKING 50-70 POLITICAL PRISONERS ENROUTE, AND THAT ONE COMPANY HAD LEFT DANANG VIA RVN SMALL CRAFT.

LTCOL KHOA IS SETTING UP A ONE KW RADIO TRANSMITTER IN NEW CP INSIDE HUE TO BROADCAST TO THE PEOPLE.

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TAM CHAU AND MILITANT ELEMENTS WITHIN INSTITUTE APPARENTLY HAVE AGREEMENT FOR A COURSE OF POLITICAL ACTION. TAM CHAU IS ON RECORD NOW AS DEMANDING RESIGNATION OF THIEU AND KY.

SAIGON/STATE 5413
091340Z

HUE

OPERATION FLORIDA COMMENCED LATE AT 091400Z WITH REDUCED CONCEPT. USMC ARTILLERY UNITS NOT ABLE TO TRAVEL TO AREA OF OPERATIONS. ARVN 1ST DIVISION BATTALIONS PARTICIPATING, BUT IN DIFFERENT AREA, NORTH OF ROUTE #1. OPERATION TO BE CONDUCTED FOR 2 OR 3 DAYS.

COMUSMACV 091500Z

10 JUNE

SAIGON

SAIGON PRESS REPORTED THAT BUDDHIST LAY LEADER TRAN QUANG THUAN HAD BEEN ORDERED TO REPORT FOR DRAFT INTO SERVICE. STORY STATED THAT GVN DOES NOT PLAN ON RECOGNIZING THUAN'S MEDICAL DISCHARGE AND THAT THUAN IS WORRIED BECAUSE GVN HAS BEEN DRAFTING DEMONSTRATORS THAT WERE OF DRAFT AGE.

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10 JUNE

HUE

TWO COMPANIES OF COMBAT POLICE (350 MEN) ARRIVED IN
HUE 101515H FROM SAIGON VIA 12 C-47 AND 1 C-46 ARVN
AIRCRAFT (REQUEST FOR U.S. AIRCRAFT DECLINED). BILLITED
IN HUE POLICE BARRACKS UNDER COMMAND OF LTCOL KHOA.
RADIO HUE BACK IN OPERATION AS "VOICE OF SECURITY FORCES"
AND BROADCAST GEN LAM ORDER FOR ALL CIVIL SERVANTS TO
RETURN TO WORK BY 1500 JUN 10 OR BE REGARDED AS DESERTERS.
TRI QUANG MOVED TO HUE HOSPITAL "BECAUSE HE FELT WEAK".
HE INTENDS TO CONTINUE HUNGER STRIKE IN HOSPITAL.
GEN THI TOLD CONSUL OFFICER HE INTENDS TO HELP RESTORE
LAW AND ORDER IN HUE AND THEN HE MAY RETURN TO SAIGON.
HE HOLDS TRI QUANG RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK ON USIS
AND CONSULATE AND STATED SINCE SOME PEOPLE IN STRUGGLE
GROUP ARE PRO-COMMUNIST AND FANATICS HE COULD NEVER WORK
SIDE BY SIDE WITH THEM. FURTHER STATED VIETNAM NEEDS
STRONG BENEVOLENT DICTATOR.

GEN NHUAN ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING POLICE AND
MILITARY WOULD SEIZE ALL ILLEGAL WEAPONS. PEOPLE WITH
WEAPONS WILL BE TRIED BY COURTS. LEADING RADICAL STRUGGLE

COMUSMACV 101310Z
SAIGON/STATE 5452
101240Z

SAIGON/STATE 5459
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PERSONNEL WERE DIRECTED, BY NAME, TO REPORT TO HUE GARRISON OFFICER. TWO BUDDHIST CHAPLINS WERE RELIEVED AND RETURNED TO SAIGON.

U.S. CONSUL HUE ANNOUNCED THAT USAID REP'S HOUSE HAD BEEN SACKED SOMETIME IN LAST TWO DAYS. HOUSE NEXT DOOR TO GEN NHUAN RESIDENCE. NUMEROUS ARVN SOLDIERS CONSTANTLY IN AREA.

SAIGON/STATE 5445
101316Z

GENERAL

IN SAIGON, INSTITUTE COMMUNIQUE SUPPORTED TRI QUANG CALL FOR BOYCOTT OF ELECTIONS. FURTHER STATED ALL VIEN HOA DAO WILL GO TO JAIL, AND ALL PAGODAS WILL BE TURNED OVER TO GOVERNMENT TO ADMINISTER. DECLARED COMPLETE LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN GEN THIEU AND KY.

SAIGON/STATE 5486
120400Z

11 JUNE HUE

ORDERLY DEMONSTRATION CONDUCTED BY BUDDHISTS AT DIEU DE PAGODA. CROWD ESTIMATED AT 3000-4000.

SAIGON/STATE 5474
111110Z

RADIO BROADCAST BY GVN STATED THAT 50 TONS OF FOOD DELIVERED IN HUE ON 4 JUNE. MORE WILL BE DELIVERED IF STREETS ARE CLEARED.

SAIGON/STATE 5476
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ALTARS CONTINUE TO BLOCK ROADS IN CITY AND ON ROAD FROM

III MAF 111452Z

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GENERAL

HUE RAMP TO PHU BAI. TRUCKS UP TO 2 1/2 TON CAN TRAVERSE BUT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT DRIVING.

AMBASSADOR LODGE PROVIDED HIS VIEWS ON THE ENTIRE SITUATION TO MR. ROSTOW. OVERALL EXPRESSED SOME HOPE AND CONFIDENCE ALTHOUGH HE EXPECTED MUCH FRUSTRATION AHEAD.

SAIGON/STATE 5473
110945Z

12 JUNE HUE

SITUATION REMAINS AT STAND-OFF BETWEEN GVN AND STRUGGLE FORCES. TRI QUANG APPARENTLY SATISFIED WITH PASSIVE RESISTANCE AT PRESENT. ALTARS REMAIN IN STREETS. ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AT A STAND-STILL ALTHOUGH MOST CIVIL SERVANTS HAVE RETURNED TO WORK. 1ST DIVISION AND 7TH ARMORED TROOPS CONTINUE TO GUARD STRATEGIC POINTS WITHIN CITY. THEY HAVE TAKEN NO ACTION AGAINST STRUGGLE FORCES. COMBAT POLICE HAVE DONE LITTLE SO FAR.

SAIGON/STATE 121035Z
5488

MARINE CONVOY FROM HUE RAMP ARRIVED PHU BAI ESCORTED BY ARVN WHO MOVED ALTARS AND THEN REPLACED THEM. SEVERAL INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED OF ALTARS BEING ACCIDENTALLY OVERTURNED. COMBAT POLICE ARE PRECEDING MARINE CORPS CONVOYS, REMOVING AND REPLACING ALTARS.

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IN SAIGON, A LARGE ORDERLY PRO-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATION
WAS CONDUCTED BY APPROX 60,000 TO 70,000 PERSONS. IT
WAS A RALLY OF CATHOLIC CITIZENS BLOC.

A RADIO BROADCAST SUPPOSEDLY IN THE VOICE OF TAM CHAU,
REQUESTED PEOPLE NOT TO PLACE ALTARS IN STREETS.

SAIGON/STATE 5504
131105Z

PRIME MINISTER KY WAS REPORTED NOT ABLE TO ATTEND CON-
FERENCE IN SEOUL.

SAIGON/STATE 5492
121105Z

CIA REPORTED ARMED FORCES COUNCIL MEETING WHICH REPOR-
TEDLY TOOK PLACE ON 6 JUNE. COUNCIL DECIDED GOVERNMENT
SHOULD TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST GENERALS AND
SENIOR OFFICERS WHO ACT CONTRARY TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF
THE GOVERNMENT. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CO, AFTER THE MEET-
ING, REFERRED, BY NAME, TO SEVERAL GENERALS CONCERNED.
THEY WERE THI, DINH, CHUAN, NHUAN, AND CAO. HE COMMENTED
THAT THI AND DINH WOULD PROBABLY BE RETIRED. CHUAN WILL
PROBABLY FACE DISCIPLINARY ACTION. NHUAN WILL BE RETIRED
BUT NOT AT PRESENT DUE TO POLITICAL SITUATION.

CIA 120725Z

GEN KY REPORTEDLY FEELS HE HAS REACHED A STRONG POSITION

CIA 120646Z

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13 JUNE	SAIGON	<p>CIA REPORTED THAT THE FRENCH WERE REPORTED TO HAVE GIVEN 20 MILLION PIASTERS TO BUDDHIST TO SUPPORT THE STRUGGLE MOVEMENT.</p> <p>AS JUNE 19 IS THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF KY GOVERNMENT, IT HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE DATE TO DRAMATIZE A NUMBER OF EVENTS. IT HAS BEEN DECLARED ARMED FORCES DAY, KY PLANS TO MAKE A MAJOR SPEECH, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE GVN WILL MOVE AGAINST HUE, AND TO AFFIRM THE PROGRAM FOR ELECTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 11.</p> <p>TOTAL NUMBER OF SEATS IN ASSEMBLY REDUCED TO 119 WITH 9 MONTAGNARD (ON BASIS OF SELECTION BY TRIBAL COUNCILS) AND 3 CAMBODIAN-ORIGIN REPRESENTATIVES.</p>	<p>CIA 131031Z</p> <p>SAIGON/STATE 5502 131020Z</p> <p>SAIGON/STATE 5506 131254Z</p>
	HUE	<p>THE 1ST VNMC BN AIRLIFTED FROM PHU BAI TO TAM KY. 1ST AND 5TH ABN BN (ARVN) REMAIN AT PHU BAI. ADDITIONAL 300 RIOT POLICE ARRIVED BRINGING TOTAL TO 650.</p> <p>NATIONAL POLICE DIRECTOR COL LOAN ARRIVED IN HUE AND</p>	<p>COMUSMACV 131320Z</p> <p>COMUSMACV 140335Z</p> <p>CIA 140952Z</p>

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PLANS ON 24 HOUR "OPEN ARMS" PERIOD FROM 140600H AS AMNESTY PERIOD PRIOR TO ARRESTING STRUGGLE LEADERS. A TAPE RECORDING BY TAM CHAU WAS BROADCAST OVER RADIO HUE STATING THAT TRI QUANG WAS NO LONGER SPOKESMAN FOR BUDDHISM IN HUE.

14 JUNE HUE

CORCORAN REPORTED THAT COL LOAN HOPES TO PERSUADE THI TO LEAVE SOON FOR DANANG OR SAIGON AND THAT LOAN BELIEVES THAT DINH IS HIDING IN DIEU DE PAGODA. LOAN CLAIMS TO HAVE STRUGGLE LEADERS AND CLANDESTINE RADIO LOCATED AND PLANS TO MOVE AGAINST THEM. TRI QUANG IS REPORTED TO BE SO WEAK THAT HE IS UNABLE TO TALK AND DR FEARS THAT HE WILL SUFFER A STROKE IF HE CONTINUES HUNGER STRIKE. ALTARS STILL IN STREETS IN HUE, HOWEVER, USMC CONVOYS ABLE TO MOVE AS POLICE REMOVE ALTARS UNTIL TRUCKS PASS AND THEN REPLACE THEM.

SAIGON/STATE 5534
141425Z

DANANG

5TH VNMC BN MOVING BY ROAD FROM QUANG NGAI TO DANANG IN PREPARATION FOR MOVE TO TAN SON NHUT.

COMUSMACV 150417Z

SAIGON

BUDDHIST INSTITUTE ISSUED COMMUNIQUE AMOUNTING TO PUBLIC REBUKE OF TAM CHAU FOR TAPE RECORDED STATEMENT BROADCAST

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BY RADIO HUE ON 13 JUNE.

15 JUNE HUE

UNEASY STALEMATE CONTINUED WITH STILL MORE ALTARS REPORTED IN STREETS AND NO EFFORT BEING MADE TO REMOVE THEM.

SAIGON/STATE 5559
151200Z

BUDDHIST STRUGGLE FORCE OBSERVED FAST FROM 0600H TO 2100H. THE 1ST ARVN ABN BN MOVED FROM PHU BAI TO HUE AT 2030H AND WERE POSITIONED AT THE 3 KEY BRIDGES IN HUE.

CIA 152030Z

BEGINNING 16 JUNE, TRI QUANG WILL BE CONFINED TO HIS ROOM IN THE HOSPITAL UNDER INFORMAL HOUSE DETENTION AND ALLOWED NO OUTSIDE CONTACT.

16 JUNE HUE

ON NIGHT OF 15TH, THE 5TH ABN BN UNDER SUPERVISION OF COL LOAN MOVED INTO HUE. BUDDHIST SOUNDED ALARM, REQUESTED FAITHFUL TO SIT IN STREETS AND ON BRIDGES, AND BROADCAST A TAPE RECORDING OF AN OLD STATEMENT MADE BY GEN THI TO FIGHT AGAINST GVN. POLICE TOLD CROWD TO DISPERSE AND MOVE ALTARS INTO HOMES. WHEN THIS WAS NOT DONE POLICE APPROACHED ALTARS, BOWED 3 TIMES AND PLACED ALTARS IN FRONT OF HOMES AND SHOPS AND TOLD OWNERS TO MOVE THEM

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INSIDE. WHEN THIS WAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED, POLICE STARTED PLACING ALTARS IN TRUCKS AND MOVING THEM TO CITADEL, ARRESTING DEMONSTRATORS OF DRAFT AGE AND BREAKING UP CROWD BY USING TEAR GAS. ABOVE ACTION TAKEN BETWEEN 152100H AND 160800H.

AT 161845H THERE WAS AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT ELEMENTS OF 1ST ARVN DIV RECON CO (BLACK PANTHER) ENGAGED IN FIRE FIGHT WITH 5TH ABN BN. THE "REBELS" ARE IN OLD HUE WITH ELEMENTS OF 2D BN 3RD REGT SUPPORTING THEM AND 5TH ABN BN IS IN NEW HUE.

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COMUSMACV 162231Z

HOI AN

CIA REPORTED THAT VIETNAM NATIONALIST PARTY (VNQDD) HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF ABOUT 5 MEMBERS OF "STRUGGLE MOVEMENT." VNQDD MEMBERS FOLLOW STRUGGLE MEMBERS WHEN THEY LEAVE PAGODA, KILL THEM AND BURY IN THE FOREST, AND THERE IS NO RECORD OF THEIR FATE. ALLEGEDLY, THERE IS A LIST OF 28 TO BE ASSASSINATED, INCLUDING TRI QUANG.

CIA 170029Z

SAIGON

LODGE PROVIDED COPY OF LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER DO OBJECTING TO GVN MISTREATMENT OF NEWSMEN IN HUE DURING POLICE MOVE AGAINST DEMONSTRATORS.

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AND 20 NUNS DEMONSTRATED AGAINST THE REMOVAL BUT TURNED
BACK AT FIRST BARRICADE.

TRI QUANG ARRIVED AND PLACED IN AIR-CONDITIONED SUITE HE
NORMALLY OCCUPIES IN CLINIC. GUARDS WERE PLACED OUTSIDE
BUT HE IS NOT UNDER ARREST.

SAIGON/STATE 5669
211155Z

22 JUNE

SAIGON

TAM CHAU VISITED TRI QUANG, WHO REPORTEDLY INTENDS TO
SEEK POLITICAL ASYLUM AT THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN SAIGON.

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AT A MEETING BETWEEN MAYOR OF SAIGON AND TAM CHAU IT WAS
DECIDED TO LIFT THE SEIGE OF MAIN BUDDHIST INSTITUTE ON
THE CONDITION THAT ALL PERSONS LEAVE AND TEMPORARILY NOT
RETURN. THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON WHO KILLED THE POLICE-
MAN IS KNOWN AND HE WILL BE ARRESTED AS HE LEAVES. IF HE
REMAINS INSIDE THEY WILL ENTER AND ARREST HIM.

COMUSMACV 220455Z

QUANG TRI

ALTARS HAVE BEEN MOVED BACK INTO RESIDENTS AND SITUATION
IS RETURNING TO NORMAL

COMUSMACV 222315Z

23 JUNE

SAIGON

POLICE MOVED INTO BUDDHIST INSTITUTE EARLY MORNING AND
ARRESTED THE 100 TO 150 PERSONS REMAINING INSIDE, IN-
CLUDING THE SUSPECTED MURDERER.

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20 JUNE	HUE	RADIO HUE BROADCAST "NOTICE NO. 14. A STATE OF NORMALITY HAS BEEN DECLARED - - SHOPS ARE REQUESTED TO REOPEN. THOSE WHO DO NOT WILL LOSE THEIR BUSINESS PERMITS. CYCLO DRIVERS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTINUE WORK OR LOSE THEIR PERMITS. PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT TO WORK OR BE DECLARED DESERTERS". BY 200800H, SHOPS WERE BEGINNING TO OPEN AND TRAFFIC WAS NORMAL. CORCORAN MOVED BACK INTO PERSONAL RESIDENCE.	SAIGON/STATE 5640 200411Z
	DANANG	GEN LAM ADVISED THAT HQ OF GOVT WILL BE MOVED FROM HUE TO DANANG. GEN'S NHUAN AND DINH ARE IN SAIGON BUT WILL NOT BE PUT IN JAIL, AND THAT LAM, THANG AND DONG HAS BEEN PROMOTED ONE RANK.	CG III MAF 201615Z
21 JUNE	HUE	NATIONAL POLICE MOVED TRI QUANG TO DANANG VIA HELICOPTER AT 211030H AND THEN TO SAIGON BY PLANE. POLICE ARE CONDUCTING HOUSE BY HOUSE SEARCH FOR WEAPONS AND HAVE RECOVERED 500.	CG III MAF 211420Z
		RADIO HUE ANNOUNCED TRI QUANG'S REMOVAL FROM HUE AT HIS OWN REQUEST FOR REASONS OF HEALTH. A GROUP OF 10 MONKS	SAIGON/STATE 5689 221015Z

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REPORTED TO CONTROL ALL PAGODAS AND STRONGHOLDS IN THE CITY.

19 JUNE SAIGON

DIRECTORATE CHAIRMAN SIGNED 2 DECREES OFFICIALLY PROMULGATING LAWS FOR SEPTEMBER 11 ELECTIONS FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AND OUTLINING ITS ORGANIZATION. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED AND "ARMED FORCES DAY" CEREMONIES HELD AT JGS HQ. THE PUBLISHED LAW INCLUDES A STATEMENT THAT DIRECTORATE HAS FROM 3 TO 6 MONTHS AFTER ASSEMBLY COMPLETES ITS WORK TO GET IN PLACE THE GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS PROVIDED FOR IN CONSTITUTION. THERE IS ALSO PROVISION WHICH PERMITS DIRECTORATE TO RECOMMEND MODIFICATIONS TO CONSTITUTION AND, UNLESS THEY ARE REJECTED BY TWO THIRDS VOTE OF ASSEMBLY, THEY BECOME PART OF FINAL DOCUMENT.

SAIGON/STATE 5635
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SAIGON/STATE 5634
191140Z

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TRI QUANG REQUESTED PERMISSION TO HOLD DEMONSTRATION FOR STRUGGLE MEMBER KILLED BUT POLICE REFUSED PERMISSION. CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES BY GVN FORCES CONTINUED AS SOUND TRUCKS EXPLAINED THAT POLICE WERE SEARCHING PAGODAS FOR DRAFT DODGERS. POLICE NOW OCCUPY MAJORITY OF PAGODAS.

SAIGON/STATE 5631
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17 JUNE	HUE	<p>THE 5TH VNMC BN AND 2/4 APC TROOP REPORTED TO HAVE DEPARTED BIEN BAN (SOUTH OF DANANG) AT 0730H FOR HUE.</p> <p>AN ARVN OPERATION NEAR QUANG TRI BY 3 BN'S OF 1ST ARVN DIV HAS LOST EFFECTIVENESS WITH SOLDIERS REFUSING ORDERS AND ONLY 25 TO 35 PERCENT OF BN'S REMAINING IN THE FIELD WITH POOR ATTITUDE AND LOW MORALE.</p> <p>AT 171800H, 200-400 TROOPS OF 3RD REGT MOVED BY TRUCK AND FOOT TOWARD HUE. THEY WERE STOPPED 2 KM NORTH BY VNAF A-1'S FIRING ROCKETS AND BY ABN TROOPS AT AN HOA BRIDGE.</p>	<p>COMUSMACV 170753Z</p> <p>III MAF 181432Z</p>
18 JUNE	HUE	<p>1ST VNMC BN AIRLIFTED TO PHU BAI FROM TAM KY BY U.S. ACFT AND MOVED INTO HUE. THE BLACK PANTHER CO HAS NOW REFUSED TO JOIN EITHER SIDE AND 180 PERSONNEL REPORTED AND TURNED IN ARMS. AT 181753H, COL TRUONG ASSUMED COMMAND OF 1ST ARVN DIV. GEN NHUAN REMAINS IN SAIGON. GEN THI VISITED TRI QUANG IN HOSPITAL BUT DETAILS OF CONVERSATION UNKNOWN.</p> <p>GVN TROOPS OCCUPIED THU DAM PAGODA AT 182100H AND ARE</p>	<p>III MAF 181432Z</p> <p>COMUSMACV 191024Z</p>

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AMB LODGE ADVISED SECSTATE THAT HE WAS DISCONTINUING
DAILY POLITICAL REPORT DUE TO THE IMPROVED SITUATION.
CG, III MAF REPORTED THAT POLITICAL SITUATION STEADILY
IMPROVING AND HE WAS DISCONTINUING PERSONAL REPORT OF
POLITICAL EVENTS.

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