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1. PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR COLBY
2. (C) FOLLOWING PROVIDED IN CASE YOU NEED LATEST ON PACIFI-
CATION ACTIVITIES HERE.

A. CHIEU HOI RESULTS 23-29 MARCH.

I CTZ	83
II CTZ	118
III CTZ	125
IV CTZ	717
TOTAL	1,043

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WEEKLY TOTAL OF 1,043 IS HIGHEST SINCE MARCH 1967. TENTATIVE
TOTAL OF 3,885 HOI CHANH FOR MARCH IS HIGHEST MONTHLY RATE
SINCE MARCH 1967 ALSO, CHUONG THIEN, WHERE TWO MARINE
BATTALIONS ARE OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH FROM 5-10 RF
COMPANIES, HAD 135 RETURNEES. TOTAL FROM NORTHERN THREE
ZS STAYED ALMOST CONSTANT--326 THIS WEEK VS 323 LAST WEEK.

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B. WITH BINH DINH REPORT IN, COMPLETE SURVEY OF EFFECTS OF RECENT ATTACKS ON PACIFICATION MOMENTUM SHOWS:

(1) IMPLEMENTATION OF 1969 PACIFICATION PLAN IN FULL SWING IN 28 PROVINCES AND SPOTTY IN 16.

(2) 1090 RF/PF PLATOONS HAVE BEEN REDEPLOYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1969 PLAN.

(3) 1023 OF 1441 RD CADRE TEAMS AVAILABLE ARE ACTIVE IN ASSIGNED 1969 TARGET VILLAGES.

(4) 933 OF GOAL OF 1809 FIRST SEMESTER HAMLETS HAVE BEEN ENTERED. (NOTE SLIGHTLY REVISED GOAL AS RESULT OF MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO PROVINCE PLANS OVER PAST TWO MONTHS.) BY CTZ HAMLET TOTALS ARE:

	1ST SEMESTER GOAL	TARGET HAM- LETS ENTERED	PERCENT ENTERED	OTHER HAMLETS ENTERED
I CTZ	317	260	81PCT	2
II CTZ	378	179	43PCT	17
III CTZ	226	195	67PCT	2
IV CTZ	828	299	32PCT	31
TOTAL	1,809	933	49PCT	52

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C. AS A RESULT OF THIS SURVEY AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SENIOR ADVISOR, MAJOR GENERAL THANH CALLED ALL IV CTZ PROVINCE CHIEFS TOGETHER ON 29 MARCH TO URGE THEM TO BE MORE AGGRESSIVE AND MOVE OUT INTO ALL TARGET HAMLETS. HE POINTED OUT THAT IV CTZ RECORD WAS POOREST. PSAS MET IN CAN THO AT SAME TIME AND WERE INSTRUCTED BY MAJOR GENERAL ECKHARDT TO PUSH PACIFICATION HARDER. HE INDICATED THAT SOME PSAS HAD APPARENTLY BEEN COUNSELING COUNTERPARTS TO GO SLOWLY, WHICH WAS AT VARIANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS HE HAD FROM SAIGON. GENERAL ECKHARDT ALSO URGED PSAS TO GET BEHIND PHUNG HOANG AND HELP PROVINCE CHIEFS, WHO WOULD BE INSTRUCTED BY THE CORPS COMMANDER TO REVISE THE ATTACK ON THE VCI.

C. WE HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MEETING WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER KHIEM ON FRIDAY. AREAS COVERED INCLUDED:

- TV ADDRESS BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER.
- SPECIAL INFORMATION CAMPAIGN ON THE 1969 PACIFICATION PLAN.
- PRESS BRIEFING ON ELECTIONS.
- RELIEVING ENEMY PRESSURE ON REFUGEE CAMPS AND HAMLETS.
- CY 1969 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET.

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- CY 1970 BUDGET GUIDANCE.
- GUIDANCE ON ROLE OF DISTRICT.
- NGUYEN CONG TRU COMMITTEE COMPOSITION.
- SPOTTY PHUNG HOANG PERFORMANCE.
- STATUS OF 1969 PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN (USING MATERIAL IN SUBPARA B ABOVE).

GENERAL KHIEM AND MINISTER VANG VISITED THE VILLAGE OFFICIALS TRAINING COURSE AT VUNG TAU ON SATURDAY. REPORTS FROM BUNGARDNER AND SAUVAGEOT INDICATE THAT COURSE IS BEING WELL HANDLED AND WELL RECEIVED BY VILLAGE OFFICIALS. SAUVAGEOT HAS TALKED PERSONALLY TO MORE THAN 100 OF THE TRAINEES IN ARRIVING AT THIS CONCLUSION. AS A POINT OF INTEREST, ONE VILLAGE CHIEF AT COURSE IS 93 YEARS OLD.

D. FULL CPDC MEETING IS SCHEDULED BY FRIDAY OR SATURDAY. GENERAL HON WILL HOLD PRELIMINARY MEETING WITH MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES ON WEDNESDAY TO GO OVER AGENDA AND GIVE MINISTERS SUFFICIENT INFORMATION SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE DECISIONS AT CPDC MEETING.

E. CIVILIAN CASUALTIES DROPPED CONSIDERABLY DURING THE WEEK 23-29 MARCH -- 115 CIVILIANS WERE KILLED AND 437 WOUNDED

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COMPARED TO 234 AND 744 RESPECTIVELY THE PREVIOUS WEEK.
CIVILIAN CASUALTIES FROM 22 FEBRUARY THROUGH 29 MARCH TOTAL
AS FOLLOWS:

	KILLED	WOUNDED
CFBQTZ	420	1671
II CTZ	212	491
III CTZ	254	650
IV CTZ	146	705
TOTAL	1,032	3,517

F. NEW REFUGEES SINCE 22 FEBRUARY TOTAL 27,583.

G. NUMBER OF HOMES DESTROYED OR DAMAGED DURING SAME
PERIOD TOTAL 6,891.

3. (U) WARM REGARDS FROM ALL YOUR STAFF.

SSC NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS