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SUBJECT: Special Joint Report on Revolutionary Development

TO: Office of the Deputy Ambassador  
 American Embassy  
 Saigon, Vietnam

1. (U) In compliance with Joint Directive 1-66, MACJ 33, 10 March 1966, Subject: Preparation of Revolutionary Development Reports, the following report for Quang Nam Province is submitted for the month ending 30 September 1966.

2. (C) REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

a. The Revolutionary Development Program in Quang Nam Province has progressed very little during the month of September. Dr. Nguyen Huu Chi, the Province Chief, departed the province on 23 September and whatever direction, unity of effort and leadership the Revolutionary Development Program had has been lost during the unexplained absence.

b. On 22 September the Quang Nam Sector Commander, Lt Col Nguyen Tho Lap, visited five hamlets in the NGU HANH SON Area. During the visit Lt Col Lap informed Hoa Da Village officials and cadre leaders that he was going to remove the Regional Force units from Hoa Da Village in one month. Concentrated efforts will enable all hamlets in Hoa Da Village to be secure by 1 November. Lt Col Lap also directed Hoa Thai Village officials, cadre leaders and ARVN Commanders to coordinate all activities to insure that maximum security is provided by available units. It was found that ARVN, PF, cadre and village officials were not coordinating defensive plans with nearby USMC units.

c. The USAID programs of Self Help, Rural Education, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry in the National Priority Area are progressing without significant problems.

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a. The 11 September election results have been reported in great detail by the provincial team. The turnout of 89.3% of the eligible voters was due to the precautions taken to provide security at the polling places and the traditional political interest of the Central Vietnamese people.

b. In Quang Nam there is constant friction between Saigon appointed officials and the local VNQDD party organization. Funds, commodities and cadre are largely controlled by the party organization. Dr. Chi very candidly discusses his inability to work with the VNQDD.

4. (C) SECURITY

## a. Friendly Military.

## (1) RVNAF:

(a) On 14 September the 1st Battalion, 51st Infantry Regiment replaced the 4th Battalion and assumed the mission of providing security for the National Priority Area. The 4th Battalion moved to the area south of Cau Lau Bridge (BT091552) and will be participating in County Fair and search and destroy operations throughout the sector.

(b) The 3rd Battalion, 51st Infantry Regiment completed refresher training and returned to the sector on 21 September. The unit is currently stationed at Cam Ha (BT110575). It is now planned that this unit will conduct operations in the Phase II area of the NGU HANH SON Campaign in October. Approximately 166 soldiers of this unit now have malaria.

(c) The 2nd Battalion, 51st Infantry Regiment and RF units in Duc Duc District have been conducting rice harvest control operations.

(d) Plans are now being made to increase ARVN support of Revolutionary Development during the remainder of 1966 and 1967.

(2) FMMAF: Units of the 3rd Marine Division continue to participate in County Fair and search and destroy operations. Some USMC units have also participated in limited rice harvest control operations.

b. Viet Cong and NVA Forces: There were 10 VC initiated incidents in the National Priority Area during September. At 0150 hours, 17 September an estimated VC Company attacked elements of the 1st Battalion, 51st Infantry Regiment and fired mortars into the Battalion Command Post. At 0120 hours 18 September the VC destroyed the Thanh Quit Bridge (BT042521). During the night of 19 September the hamlet chiefs

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of Bo Mung #1 and Qua Guang Hamlets, Hoa Phuoc Village disappeared and have not returned. Currently there are two VC Main Force Battalions reported to be in Hieu Duc District and it is believed that these units will concentrate their activities in the NGU HANH SON - Da Nang area in the coming months.

c. VC Political and Security Infrastructure: Agent reports indicate that VC Main Force units are providing advisors to guerrilla units and infrastructure to assist in the conduct of terrorist activities.

#### 5. (C) ECONOMIC

a. No significant change in the economic situation.

b. The fall rice harvest is approximately 90% complete. No province rice harvest control plans were developed, however limited rice harvest control operations were conducted by the districts. At this time no realistic estimate can be made as to the amount of harvested rice controlled by the GVN.

c. The destruction of Thanh Quit Bridge by the VC on 18 September completely halted the flow of traffic for nearly two days. USMC engineers bridged the gap with M1T6 aluminum bridging.

#### 6. (C) PROVINCIAL RESOURCES

a. RF/PF/Self Defense Forces: Forty one people have been recruited for a new Regional Force Company. During October the unit should be completely recruited and commence training.

b. Rural Construction Cadre Teams:

(1) Three hundred and forty six cadre returned from the Vung Tau National Training Center on 24 and 26 September. The cadre represent 19 teams of 19 men each and after a one week vacation will augment 40 man cadre teams in the following districts.

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TEAMS</u>
Hoa Vang	3
Hieu Duc	1
Hieu Nhon	3
Dien Ban	2
Duy Xuyen	2
Que Son	2
Thuong Duc	1
Duc Duc	2
Dai Loc	3

(2) The III course at Vung Tau, scheduled for October, will include 327 trainees from Quang Nam and Da Nang. All trainees have been recruited and will report to the training center when transportation is available.

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(3) Quang Nam has formed an 8 man Cadre Inspection and Training Team. The team, when trained, will live with cadre teams for a two week period to complete retraining and remotivation and inspect the operations of the cadre.

c. Technical Cadre: No change.

d. Provincial Administrative Personnel and Organization: Mr Le Nguyen Long, former VIS Chief won the first seat from Quang Nam on the Constituent Assembly. Mr Bui Dinh Khai is now the acting VIS Chief.

e. Material Resources and Transport:

(1) USAID has received one surplus M-211 2½ ton truck to augment the provincial fleet of four trucks.

(2) Logistical support from Saigon and Da Nang has been adequate. Currently there is a shortage of cement in I Corps. Implementation of the refugee resettlement program has caused a significant decrease in stocks on hand. Issuance of roofing and cement are averaging 15,000 units each month.

f. National Police: On 2 September the Provincial Interrogation Center (PIC) was officially opened and is now operating on a limited scale. The PIC is under the administration of the Quang Nam National Police Service with the OSA Representative as the advisor. It will have approximately 80 employees, both civilians and policemen, and will have a capacity of 27 prisoners. It is expected that within a short time the PIC will provide information of value to the Revolutionary Development Program as well as to military operations in the sector.

#### 7. (C) REQUIRED ACTION

Mr Bui Van Nhi continues as the Provincial Chieu Hoi Chief and has produced no effective Chieu Hoi program. He should be replaced by a competent and motivated individual.

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