

August 27, 1963

For Mr. Trueheart:

Subject: Alleged Declaration of Loyalty by Generals

1. Since early in the present crisis the GVN has been rounding up signatures of Generals on a statement of support of the GVN. A number of Generals have already signed because they felt they had no choice at the moment, including Le Van Kim, who is nonetheless opposed.

At an appropriate time the GVN may present this signed statement to the Americans to discourage any thoughts of splitting the Army from the GVN. The Generals do not feel in any way bound by their signatures.

2. The correct name of the General mentioned in my report submitted to you and the Ambassador yesterday is of course Tran Thien Khiem, Major General Inter-Armes.

3. I have no way of judging the value of submitting these kind of reports to you. I trust I am not wasting your time with them, in which case I would also be wasting my own !

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* NOT TRAN VAN KHIEM