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SUBJ: (U) Poor Economic Situation in Bac Ai District of Ninh Thuan Province, Region 6.

(C) Item A: (3 pages, typewritten; B-3) Report, dated 15 Mar 69, signed by Ba La for the ((Bac Ai)) District Finance-Economy Section, ((Ninh Thuan Province; Region 6)), provides information on the poor economic situation in this district during Jan and Feb 69.

Vulnerability

Document states that due to enemy ((FWMAF/RVNAF)) sweep operations, agricultural activities had been reduced in many areas. Sending laborers to the forward lines, starvation, and clothing shortages were other factors which had affected production. 147 families totalling 1,188 persons were suffering from malnutrition. Most of them lived in the eastern area of the district. Of the total 457 members of 59 families in Phước Trường Village, 50 men and 89 women had almost no clothing. The cloth shortage was so serious in this village that a number of women had nothing to wear but loin cloths. Due to the lack of decent clothes, many women had refused to work during day light. The cloth shortage had been reported but no results had been obtained from the District Current Affairs Committee.

Document recommends that relief funds be issued to alleviate hunger and clothing shortages in the district and provides information on the agricultural production criteria prescribed for various villages.

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