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VNA NOTES UPI REPORT CONTINUATION OF PHOENIX PROGRAM

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[Text] Hanoi VNA January 9--The United States is still involved with the successor to the ill-famed Phoenix program that used assassination and terror tactics against the South Vietnamese people UPI reported yesterday. According to the U.S. news agency, the program has now been placed under the Saigon national police under the name Special Police Investigating Service (SPIS). It consists of about 14,000 special troops whose operations are monitored by U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) operatives in Saigon and in province capitals throughout the country, UPI added. It said about 100 American personnel are now involved in monitoring the program and overall responsibility for watching it rests with a U.S. Air Force officer on detached duty with the American Embassy in Saigon. The U.S. also provides data processing facilities for SPIS, UPI added.