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MINISTRY DENIES REPORT OF REACTIVATED FULRO SIDING WITH COMMUNISTS

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[Text] Saigon (VP) March 14--The Ethnic Development Ministry this morning asserted that since Feb. 1, 1969, when the entire Fulro force returned to the RVN Government side, this movement has been disbanded and to date no Montagnard organization of such name has existed.

A communique of the Ethnic Development Ministry was made public by the government spokesman this morning to deny an AFP dispatch reported by some Saigon dailies on Mar 12 that after 6 years of cooperation with the RVN Government, the Fulro movement has been re-activated and is working with the communists.

It is pure fabrication, the communique said.

Since the Fulro force's return to the government side on Feb. 1, 1969, besides those members who chose to retire to normal life in Montagnard villages and hamlets, the rest have been serving in the RVN Armed Forces and administrative agencies.

In the past few days, Montagnard combatants, former members of the Fulro movement, have bravely fought side by side with ARVN combatants against the communist attacks on Thuan Man, Ban Me Thuot, Buon Ho, Duc Lap....