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SAIGON REPORTS 'ACCIDENTAL' DEATH OF MR III DEPUTY COMMANDER

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[Text] Saigon, (VP) April 9--The military spokesman today confirmed a news report saying that Maj. Gen. Nguyen Van Hieu, Corps III and MR III deputy commander died in an accident at his office in Bien Hoa Tuesday night.

Lt. Col. Le Trung Hien said before the accident, Maj. Gen. Hieu met with some other officers in his office on the national situation and showed the participants a P 38 pistol he had just repaired.

After the meeting, Maj. Gen. Hieu invited the participants to go out for dinner but he alone returned to his office and after that an explosion was heard. Investigation is underway, the spokesman added.

Maj. Gen. Nguyen Van Hieu was previously commander of the 5th Infantry Division, MR I deputy commander and special assistant at the vice president's office in charge of corruption eradication.

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