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.. Summary Executions in Captured Areas
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A GVN official who interviewed national police escapees from MR-1 reports that the NVA/VC have systematically searched out and summarily executed national police and special branch personnel in Danang city and elsewhere in the region.

The same source said that the communists were segregating the population into three categories: police personnel and senior military officials; middle level civil servants and ARVN junior officers; and then, lower class civilians, enlisted men and NCO's. These last were released to begin exodus to areas of GVN control and provide cover for infiltration of communist sappers as well as to spread propaganda on communist leniency toward captured personnel. The fate of the other categories was not reported.

A relatively high-ranking Montagnard civil servant who escaped communist-controlled area near Dalat reported being warned by sympathetic Montagnard PRG cadre that all official and traditional leaders would eventually be killed after "investigation" by security cadre.