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SUBJ: Preparation for Future PW Exchange by the Sub-Region 5 Party Current Affairs Committee, COSVN. (U)

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~~(8 Jan 75) (2 pages, typewritten, B-2)~~ Circular 63/CV/K, dated 20 Oct 72, prepared by Hà Minh Nghĩa of C30 ((possibly the Sub-Region 5 Party Current Affairs Committee, COSVN)), sent to all agencies, cities, and districts within the sub-region, states that to prepare for future exchange of PWs and political convicts with the enemy ((GVN)), the addressees should compile rosters of friendly ((VC)) personnel detained during the period 20 Jul 54 to date ((meaning 20 Oct 72)). Such rosters should also contain the names of enemy prisons in which friendly personnel are now being detained. Besides the above purpose, these rosters will effectively serve the friendly side in warning the enemy from assassination of those friendly PWs who remain imprisoned ((after a political settlement for the SVN war is attained)). The document further directs the addressees to do their utmost to (1) bribe enemy jail guards to let important friendly convicts escape from local enemy jails; (2) urge friendly PWs to stage political struggles in their jails to demand their prompt release by the enemy with the support of their relatives from the outside; and (3) activate organizations responsible for receiving PWs and taking good care of those sick ones. In addition, emphasis should be placed on the elimination of enemy agents planted among released friendly PWs.

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