

ALLEGED COUP D'ETAT PLOT IN HANOI: 1967

Excerpt from notebook captured in South Vietnam in ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ February 1970. Owner was named Truong and he was a Squad leader in the 11th Company, 30th Bn, of the PAVN Capital REGiment, ~~XXXXXX~~ formerly of the Hanoi Military Command .

The extract is dated Dec 21, 1967 and appears to have been recorded by Truong when he was still on duty in Hanoi. It deals with an alleged coup d'etat plot uncovered within Party and State elements.

((TN: The preceding part of the document contains Squad Leader Tuong's notes on the trip southward of NVN Battalion D30. The notes disclosed that due to hardship and starvation, a large number of cadre and soldiers had deserted prior to reaching SVN. The notes continued with the minutes of a meeting of the Party Committee, Ministry of Finance, DRV as follows.))

21 Dec 67

MEETING HELD BY THE PARTY COMMITTEE, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, (DRV)

Political Indoctrination

Comrade Thanh Sơn, Vice-Minister and representative of the Party Group ((a VC term designating a group of Party members serving as a nucleus in a governmental agency)) of the Ministry ((of Finance)) disclosed to the audience the gravest political event that had ever happened to the Party during its 37 year history.

His disclosure was based on a classified report prepared by Lê Đức Thọ who delivered it on behalf of the Politburo and the Organization Section, Central Executive Committee, VC Lao Động Party, at a conference of Party Secretaries and Deputy Secretaries of different Party Groups, and the chiefs of organization sections of various ministries. The contents of the report have been ratified by the Politburo. Comrade Thanh Sơn, who was summoned to this conference ((as a representative of the Party Group, Ministry of Finance)), was assigned the mission of disseminating the report to all members of the Party Group.

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The report deals with treason committed by a group of Party leaders. The traitors are:

1. Dang Kim Giang: A general of the people's army and Deputy Chief of the Rear Service Department General. He is presently Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Agricultural Sites. Giang was introduced to the Party by Comrade Trần Quốc Hoan. Giang and Hoan were once imprisoned in Son La ((possibly during the French domination prior to 1945)).
2. Hoang Minh Chinh: Currently rector of the Philosophy Institute.
3. Vu Dinh Huynh: A former secretary to Uncle Hồ ((Chi Minh)) during the ((1945-59)) Resistance. He is currently Chief of the Protocol Division, Foreign Ministry.

4. Minh Viet^A: The former Secretary of the Hanoi Capital Party Committee. Viet is currently Chief of the Finance Division, Ministry of Light Industry.

5. Kv Van^A: A journalist.

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These traitors have sowed dissonance within the Party and undermined the unity of our army. Their underhanded activities are evident. Their purpose is to organize a faction to oppose our Party, the workers' Party. They have deliberately made inaccurate analyses, partial critiques, and mischievous evaluations in the Politburo with the intention of fomenting friction between Party leaders. They have gained the allegiance of a number of high-ranking cadre of various ministries, even those of a foreign country ((possibly implying the USSR.)) They have sought methods of stealing our confidential documents. They have taken advantage of our cadre's carelessness to collect classified information on our military plans, economic projects, and on foreign aid provided to us by friendly countries for our national salvation against the US aggression. They have tried to hinder our counterattack of the enemy. They have tried to prevent COSVN from implementing Resolution 9. They assumed that, in the last 20 years, our Party lines and policies have been affected by dogmatism (from ((Red)) China) and that our plan of opposing the US for national salvation is shortsighted.