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ORGANIZATION AND INTERNAL OPERATION OF VIETNAM
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VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST PARTY (VNCP) METHODOLOGY FOR INFORMING
LOWER PARTY ECHELONS OF PARTY DECISIONS; NATURE OF VNCP
RESOLUTIONS AND SIMILAR ISSUANCES : EARLY MARCH 1980

AS OF EARLY MARCH 1980, UPON RECEIPT OF A DIRECTIVE (CHI THI) OR RESOLUTION (QUYET DINH) FROM THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST PARTY (VNCP) POLITBURO, THE VNCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DECIDING HOW IT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AND SENT TO ALL LEVELS OF THE VNCP AND TO ALL LEVELS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) FORCES. ACCORDING TO VNCP REGULATIONS, IN THEORY, CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND DIRECTIVES ARE THE HIGHEST FORM OF VNCP DECISIONS BECAUSE THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTS THE ENTIRE PARTY. IN PRACTICE, POLITBURO RESOLUTIONS AND DIRECTIVES ARE THE HIGHEST AND MOST POWERFUL DECISIONS OF THE VNCP. THE POLITBURO DECISION-MAKING INNER CIRCLE MEETS ON A REGULAR BASIS IN HANOI AND MAKES ALL DECISIONS FOR THE POLITBURO AS A WHOLE, AS WELL AS FOR THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHICH IT REPRESENTS. ALL DECISIONS ARE MADE ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLE OF DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, IN CONTRAST, MEETS IN FULL SESSION USUALLY ONCE A YEAR AND ALWAYS ISSUES A RESOLUTION OR DECISION BASED ON A POLITBURO DIRECTIVE.

POLITBURO AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND DIRECTIVES ARE USUALLY, BUT NOT ALWAYS, NUMBERED. UNNUMBERED RESOLUTIONS AND DIRECTIVES USUALLY CONCERN MAJOR SIGNIFICANT SUBJECTS, E.G., THE 1979 POLITBURO RESOLUTION ON THE "PURIFICATION OF THE RANK-AND-FILE PARTY MEMBERSHIP." NUMBERED POLITBURO AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND DIRECTIVES DEAL WITH DIFFERENT SUBJECTS. NUMBERED POLITBURO RESOLUTIONS ARE BELIEVED TO BE IN NUMERICAL SEQUENCE REFLECTING THE NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE THE 4TH VNCP CONGRESS HELD IN DECEMBER 1976. FOR EXAMPLE, POLITBURO RESOLUTION NO. 6 ON THE

ECONOMY IS BELIEVED TO BE THE SIXTH POLITBURO RESOLUTION ISSUED SINCE THE FOURTH VNCP CONGRESS.

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SRV GOVERNMENTAL ECHELONS. THE SECRETARIAT WILL DECIDE IF IT IS TO BE DISSEMINATED IN ONE OF FOUR FORMS, DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT OF THE POLITBURO RESOLUTION OR DIRECTIVE. IT MAY TAKE THE FORM OF A RESOLUTION, DIRECTIVE, CIRCULAR (THONG BAO) OR COMMUNIQUE (THONG TRI). A RESOLUTION OR DIRECTIVE MAY BE ISSUED UNDER THE NAME OF THE POLITBURO CENTRAL COMMITTEE OR BY THE SECRETARIAT ITSELF. CIRCULARS AND COMMUNIQUE ARE USUALLY ISSUED UNDER THE NAME OF THE SECRETARIAT. THE SECRETARIAT DECIDES WHETHER THE RESOLUTION, DIRECTIVE, CIRCULAR OR COMMUNIQUE IS TO BE NUMBERED OR NOT. THE SECRETARIAT ASSIGNS THE NUMBERS AND MAINTAINS RECORDS FOR ALL ISSUED RESOLUTIONS, DIRECTIVES, CIRCULARS AND COMMUNIQUE.

RESOLUTIONS ARE ISSUED TO ANNOUNCE MAJOR POLICY DECISIONS MADE BY THE POLITBURO AND ARE USED ON OCCASION AS A VEHICLE TO ANNOUNCE MAJOR CHANGES IN CENTRAL-LEVEL PARTY AND GOVERNMENTAL POSITIONS, AS WELL AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CENTRAL-LEVEL PARTY AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES. DIRECTIVES ARE ISSUED TO ANNOUNCE MAJOR POLICY DECISIONS WHICH REQUIRE COMPULSORY IMPLEMENTATION. CIRCULARS AND COMMUNIQUE ARE ISSUED TO INFORM RECIPIENTS OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS, WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE COMPULSORY IMPLEMENTATION.

ALTHOUGH THE CENTRAL CONTROL COMMITTEE OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST PARTY (VNCP) CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT IS HEADED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER SONG H A O, THE CENTRAL CONTROL COMMITTEE HAS LITTLE POWER OR AUTHORITY, IS ONE OF THE LEAST IMPORTANT ORGANS OF THE SECRETARIAT AND IS COMPOSED OF NO KNOWN VNCP MEMBERS OF PROMINENCE. LIKE HIS PREDECESSOR, DECEASED CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) VICE PRESIDENT NGUYEN LUONG B A N G, SONG HAO HAS NO AUTHORITY OR POWER AND HAS BEEN STRIPPED OF ANY INFLUENCE HE MAY HAVE HAD AFTER THE CHINESE INVASION OF THE NORTHERN SRV BORDER PROVINCES IN EARLY 1979.

IN THEORY, THE CENTRAL CONTROL COMMITTEE IS THE HIGHEST VNCP ORGAN TO WHICH VNCP MEMBERS CAN ISSUE COMPLAINTS AGAINST OTHER VNCP MEMBERS AND VNCP ORGANIZATIONS WHICH CANNOT BE RESOLVED WITH THE VNCP MEMBER'S PARENT PARTY ORGANIZATION. IN THEORY, IT IS THE HIGHEST VNCP ORGAN TO WHICH VNCP MEMBERS CAN APPEAL THEIR SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION FROM THE PARTY BY THEIR PARENT PARTY ORGANIZATION. THE CENTRAL CONTROL COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED TO INVESTIGATE AND RESOLVE ALL COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS MADE TO IT BY VNCP MEMBERS. IN PRACTICE, THE CENTRAL CONTROL COMMITTEE HAS NO MECHANISM OF ITS OWN TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS. ALL COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS ARE CHanneled TO THE VNCP MEMBER'S PARENT PARTY ORGANIZATION FOR INVESTIGATION AND RESOLUTION. SINCE THE PARENT PARTY ORGANIZATION HAS ALREADY MADE ITS DECISION ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE COMPLAINT OR APPEAL, THE PARENT PARTY ORGANIZATION RARELY REVERSES THE ORIGINAL DECISION IN QUESTION. THE DECISION OF THE PARENT PARTY ORGANIZATION IS NEARLY ALWAYS UPHELD AND PASSED ON TO THE CENTRAL CONTROL COMMITTEE, WHICH CONCURS WITH THE DECISION ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLE OF DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM. VNCP MEMBERS ARE WELL AWARE OF THE REALITIES OF THIS PRO FORMA APPEAL/ COMPLAINT PROCEDURE AND RARELY RESORT TO USING IT.

THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST
PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT (BAN TO CHUC) OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST PARTY (VNCP) CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC) SECRETARIAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT AND POWERFUL ORGAN OF THE SECRETARIAT. THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT IS HEADED BY POLITBURO MEMBER LE DUC THO, THE FOURTH RANKING MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO'S DECISION-MAKING INNER CIRCLE. DEPUTY DIRECTORS PHAN VAN DAN G, DANG HUU KHIE M AND BUI QUANG TAO ARE FULL CC MEMBERS; DEPUTY DIRECTOR VU OANH IS AN ALTERNATE CC MEMBER; AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR VU TRONG KIEN IS A "RISING STAR" WITH GROWTH POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE CC MEMBERSHIP. FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR LE VAN LUONG, A FULL CC MEMBER, BECAME A POLITBURO MEMBER AT THE FOURTH VNCP CONGRESS HELD IN DECEMBER 1976; LUONG WAS LATER APPOINTED BY THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT AS THE SECRETARY OF THE HANOI CITY PARTY COMMITTEE. ALL ARE PROTEGES OF LE DUC THO, WHO, WITH HIS ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT, DECIDES THE DESTINY AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT OF ALL CIVILIAN CADRE FROM THE RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST GRADE 2 AND ALL MILITARY OFFICERS FROM THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF THE VNCP, IT IS LE DUC THO AND HIS ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT THAT DECIDE WHO WILL OR WILL NOT BE SELECTED FOR CC MEMBERSHIP BY VNCP CONGRESS DELEGATES. UNDER LE DUC THO'S DIRECTION, AND THROUGH MUTUAL CONSULTATION WITH AND THE AGREEMENT OF THE POLITBURO'S INNER CIRCLE, THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT PREPARES A LIST OF CC CANDIDATES WITH NOTATIONS WHY THEY SHOULD BE SELECTED. THE APPROVED LIST OF CC CANDIDATES IS PRESENTED IN THIS FORM TO VNCP CONGRESS DELEGATES FOR UNANIMOUS VOTE ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLE OF DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM. FOR

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THOSE WHO ARE NOT SELECTED FOR REELECTION, ALL ARE CALLED IN FOR A PRIVATE MEETING WITH LE DUC THO, WHO INFORMS THEM THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN SELECTED FOR REELECTION AND THAT THEY SHOULD NOT PRESENT THEIR NAMES FOR REELECTION OR EXPECT TO BE PROPOSED FOR REELECTION. THIS PROCEDURE WAS CARRIED OUT IN MID-1976 BEFORE THE FOURTH VNCP CONGRESS; 14 FULL CC MEMBERS AND 16 ALTERNATE CC MEMBERS WERE SO INFORMED BY LE DUC THO THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE REELECTED TO THE CC. USING THIS PROCEDURE, HOANG VAN HOAN WAS REMOVED NOT ONLY FROM THE CC, BUT ALSO FROM POLITBURO MEMBERSHIP. HOANG VAN HOAN WAS ADVISED BY LE DUC THO TO RETIRE FROM ACTIVE VNCP AFFAIRS.

3. LE DUC THO AND HIS ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT RADICALLY CHANGED THE COMPOSITION OF THE CC AT THE FOURTH VNCP CONGRESS. THE CC WAS EXPANDED FROM 53 TO 101 FULL MEMBERS, INCLUDING EIGHT FORMER ALTERNATE MEMBERS, AND FROM 24 TO 31 ALTERNATE MEMBERS. THE NEW CC, UNLIKE THE OLD CC ELECTED AT THE 1960 THIRD VNCP (THEN LAO DONG PARTY) CONGRESS, NOW INCLUDES INTELLECTUALS, TECH-NOCRATS, PEASANTS, WORKERS AND YOUNGER VNCP LEADERSHIP CADRE WITH GROWTH POTENTIAL. THE EXPANSION OF CC MEMBERSHIP IS ATTRIBUTED TO A DECISION BY THE POLITBURO INNER CIRCLE TO REVITALIZE THE CC BY GIVING IT THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE OF HAVING NEW, YOUNGER BLOOD, ALTHOUGH THE REINS OF THE VNCP REMAINED IN THE SAME OLD HANDS AS BEFORE.

4. ALL SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) GOVERNMENT MINISTERS ARE APPOINTED DIRECTLY BY THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE POLITBURO INNER CIRCLE. PREMIER AND POLITBURO INNER CIRCLE MEMBER PHAM VAN DONG PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN THE NOMINATION PROCESS AND CAN HIMSELF, LIKE OTHER POLITBURO INNER CIRCLE MEMBERS, RECOMMEND NAMES OF MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT. THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ALL PERSONNEL TO THE SRV COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, TO THE PREMIER'S OFFICE, TO THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

AND TO THE VARIOUS CENTRAL-LEVEL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' STATE COMMISSIONS AND GENERAL DEPARTMENTS. MINISTERS CAN RECOMMEND INDIVIDUALS FOR VICE MINISTERIAL POSTS TO THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL, ALTHOUGH THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT MAKES THE MAJORITY OF VICE MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS, WHICH MUST BE ACCEPTED BY A MINISTER. FORMER MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) VICE MINISTERS HOANG VAN L O I AND HOANG VAN T I E N WERE SELECTED AND APPOINTED DIRECTLY BY THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT. ALL CURRENT MFA VICE MINISTERS WERE SELECTED BY FORMER MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NGUYEN DUY T R I N H FOR APPROVAL BY THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT. TRINH MADE THESE SELECTIONS DURING THE PERIOD HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO INNER CIRCLE.

5. THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT MUST APPROVE ALL APPOINTMENTS FOR CENTRAL-LEVEL AGENCY AND MINISTERIAL-LEVEL SERVICE (VU), DEPARTMENT (CUC) AND GENERAL DEPARTMENT (TONG CUC) DIRECTORS AND DEPUTY DIRECTORS. ALTHOUGH THE MAJORITY OF SELECTIONS AT THESE LEVELS ARE MADE BY THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT'S APPOINTED MINISTER, THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT USUALLY CONCURS WITH THE APPOINTMENT SELECTION AND CAN MAKE DIRECT APPOINTMENTS OF ITS OWN.

6. AMBASSADORS ARE SELECTED AND APPOINTED BY THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT OR BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WITH ORGANIZATION

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DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE. CHIEFS OF TRADE MISSIONS ARE SIMILARLY SELECTED AND APPOINTED BY THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT OR BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE WITH ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE. THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT APPROVES ALL AMBASSADORIAL AND TRADE MISSION CHIEF APPOINTMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE POLITBURO INNER CIRCLE BEFORE PRO FORMA APPOINTMENT AND APPROVAL OF AMBASSADORIAL CANDIDATES BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

7. THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT SELECTS AND APPOINTS ON BEHALF OF THE POLITBURO INNER CIRCLE ALL MAJOR CITY AND PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE SECRETARIES AND DEPUTY SECRETARIES AND ALL MAJOR CITY AND PROVINCIAL PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN. THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT APPROVES THE SELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF ALL ACCREDITED DIPLOMATS AND MILITARY OFFICERS ASSIGNED ABROAD, AS WELL AS THOSE ON TRAVELLING DELEGATIONS.

8. THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT HAS A VERTICAL CHAIN OF COMMAND OVER ALL PARTY COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION SECTIONS FROM THE CENTRAL LEVEL DOWN TO THE VILLAGE LEVEL. IT SELECTS AND APPOINTS ALL PARTY COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION SECTION CHIEFS AT THE CENTRAL, MAJOR CITY AND PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE LEVELS. DISTRICT-LEVEL PARTY COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION SECTION CHIEFS ARE SELECTED AND APPOINTED BY THEIR PARENT MAJOR CITY AND PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

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BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL DIPLOMATS, OFFICIALS AND STUDENTS BEING CONSIDERED FOR POSTING OR TRAVEL ABROAD IN ANY CAPACITY NORMALLY TAKE ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO COMPLETE.

11. THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT HAS AUTHORITY AND POWER OVER THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. IT HAS THE POWER TO APPOINT, REMOVE OR TRANSFER THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, INTERIOR VICE MINISTERS, AS WELL AS ANY CADRE IN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR FROM THE GRADE-RANK OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST GRADE 2. USING THIS AUTHORITY OVER MINISTRY OF INTERIOR PERSONNEL ACTIONS, THE POLITBURO INNER CIRCLE SUCCEEDED IN REMOVING POLITBURO MEMBER TRAN QUOC H O A N FROM HIS POSITION AS MINISTER OF INTERIOR IN FEBRUARY 1980 AND APPOINTED POLITBURO INNER CIRCLE MEMBER PHAM H U N G AS NEW MINISTER OF INTERIOR.

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12. IN THE MILITARY, THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY OVER MILITARY PERSONNEL AFFAIRS IS CHANNELED THROUGH THE VNCP SECRETARIAT'S CENTRAL MILITARY PARTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, OF WHICH LE DUC THO IS A DEPUTY SECRETARY, TO THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (MND). THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT HAS A VERTICAL CHAIN OF COMMAND WHICH EXTENDS DIRECTLY TO THE ORGANIZATION AND CADRE DEPARTMENTS OF THE MND GENERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS HEADED BY LE DUC THO'S PROTEGE, COLONEL GENERAL CHU HUY M A N, A POLITBURO MEMBER.

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13. THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT IS ONE OF THE LARGEST STAFFS OF THE VNCP SECRETARIAT, BUT ITS EXACT SIZE IS UNKNOWN. IT IS LOCATED AT NO. 58 NGUYEN CANH CHAN STREET, HANOI, WHICH IS ALSO LE DUC THO'S RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

SECTION CHIEF. VILLAGE-LEVEL PARTY COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION SECTION CHIEFS ARE SELECTED AND APPOINTED BY THEIR PARENT DISTRICT PARTY COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION. SECTION CHIEF.

9. THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS PERSONNEL DOSSIERS ON ALL PARTY AND NON-PARTY PERSONNEL FROM THE CIVILIAN GRADE-RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST GRADE 2 AND FROM THE CORRESPONDING MILITARY RANK OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL. ALL PERSONNEL ACTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR CADRE FALLING IN THIS GRADE-RANK SYSTEM BY THE PARENT PARTY AND/OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OF THE CADRE FALL WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT, WHICH EITHER APPROVES OR DISAPPROVES THE PERSONNEL ACTION. THIS APPLIES TO SUCH PERSONNEL ACTIONS AS PROMOTIONS, DEMOTIONS, REASSIGNMENTS, TRANSFER TO ANOTHER AGENCY, TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, PARTY AND GOVERNMENTAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, SUSPENSIONS OR EXPULSIONS FROM THE VNCP. LOWER RANKING CADRE AND PERSONNEL ARE SUBJECT TO THE PERSONNEL ACTIONS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THEIR PARENT PARTY AND/OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE ORGANIZATION COMPONENT.

10. THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT HAS A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ASSISTS THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT IN CONDUCTING PREEMPLOYMENT AND PARTY ADMISSION BACKGROUND CHECKS, IN PERIODIC BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS AND IN PRE-ASSIGNMENT ABROAD BACKGROUND CHECKS. IF A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SURFACES DEROGATORY INFORMATION ON THE INDIVIDUAL, HE IS AUTOMATICALLY NOT ACCEPTED FOR EMPLOYMENT OR ADMISSION TO THE PARTY, IS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS IN OR TERMINATION FROM EMPLOYMENT OR IS DENIED A SECURITY CLEARANCE TO TRAVEL ABROAD.

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THE OVERSEAS PARTY CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE VIETNAMESE
COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S SECRETARIAT (DANG UY VIEN)
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THE OVERSEAS PARTY CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (BAN CAN
SU CANG NGOAI NUOC) OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL
COMMITTEE'S SECRETARIAT IS ONE OF THE LEAST KNOWN STAFFS OF THE
SECRETARIAT. ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARIAT, IT IS THE CHANNEL
THROUGH WHICH VNCP GUIDELINES, DIRECTIVES, RESOLUTIONS, IN-
STRUCTIONS AND CIRCULARS ARE SENT TO VNCP ORGANIZATIONS ABROAD.
IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING THE PARTY ACTIVITIES OF ALL
VNCP MEMBERS ASSIGNED ABROAD, INCLUDING PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED
CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PARTY MEMBERS WITH DIPLOMATIC, MILITARY,
AGENCY, NEWS AGENCY, TRADE MISSIONS AND OFFICIAL CIVILIAN AND
MILITARY STUDENTS. IT MAINTAINS RECORDS ON ALL PARTY MEMBERS
ASSIGNED ABROAD. HEADED BY PERMANENT SECRETARY TA VAN D I'N H, IT
HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (NOW KNOWN AS THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM) ON 2 SEPTEMBER 1945.

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THE OVERSEAS PARTY CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MONITORS THE
ACTIVITIES OF ALL VNCP PARTY COMMITTEES (DANG UY) AND PARTY CHAP-
TERS (CHI BO) ABROAD. IT ASSIGNS SENIOR PARTY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE
CADRES (DANG UY VIEN) TO HOLD PARTY COMMITTEES IN THOSE COUNTRIES
WHERE THERE IS A LARGE OFFICIAL VIETNAMESE PRESENCE. ALL EMBASSIES
IN THE USSR AND EAST EUROPE AND LARGE EMBASSIES IN NON-SOCIALIST
BLOC COUNTRIES SUCH AS FRANCE ARE ORGANIZED INTO PARTY COMMITTEES
WHICH ARE HEADED BY AN APPOINTED PARTY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE
CADRE AND PARTY COMMITTEE SECRETARY PROVIDED BY THE OVERSEAS PARTY
CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. THE ASSIGNED PARTY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE
CADRE IS THE SENIOR AND MOST POWERFUL PARTY OFFICIAL IN THE COUNTRY
MISSION'S PARTY COMMITTEE, WHICH HE DIRECTLY SUPERVISES. THE ASSIGNED

PARTY COMMITTEE SECRETARY WORKS UNDER HIS DIRECT SUPERVISION AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DIRECTING THE PARTY COMMITTEE'S DAILY ACTIVITIES. THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT ASSIGNED TO OR SUBORDINATE TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA), DO NOT ATTEND DIPLOMATIC FUNCTIONS AND DO NOT SERVE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE AMBASSADOR AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES - A POSITION RESERVED FOR PROFESSIONAL MFA DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL.

3. THE PARTY COMMITTEE WHICH THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS HEAD AND DIRECT FUNCTIONS AS A COUNTRY MISSION PARTY COMMITTEE. A COUNTRY MISSION PARTY COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF AT LEAST TWO PARTY CHAPTERS (CHI BO), ONE FOR ALL EMBASSY STAFF PARTY MEMBERS AND ONE FOR ALL OFFICIAL STUDENTS IN TRAINING IN THE COUNTRY. FOR THOSE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THERE ARE OFFICIAL STUDENTS ASSIGNED TO STUDIES IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS TO VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS, A PARTY CHAPTER IS ORGANIZED IN EACH INSTITUTION. ALL ARE REPRESENTED IN THE COUNTRY MISSION'S PARTY COMMITTEE. ALL ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE ARE MONITORED, CONTROLLED AND DIRECTED BY THIS PARTY COMMITTEE, WHICH ALSO HAS REPRESENTED ON IT OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, MINISTRY OF LABOR AND THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO THE EMBASSY WITH SPECIFIC DUTIES FOR THE SUPERVISION OF OFFICIAL STUDENTS OVERSEAS.

4. THE OVERSEAS PARTY CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE DOES NOT ASSIGN ITS CADRES TO SMALL COUNTRY MISSIONS WHICH HAVE A PARTY CHAPTER COMPOSED OF LESS THAN 20 MEMBERS. THESE PARTY CHAPTERS ARE HEADED BY PROFESSIONAL MFA DIPLOMATS, WHOSE PARTY CHAPTER APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE BY THE MFA PARTY GROUP (DANG DOAN) WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE OVERSEAS PARTY CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE OVERSEAS PARTY CHAPTERS ARE, OF COURSE, MONITORED BY THE OVERSEAS PARTY CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

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5. THE OVERSEAS PARTY CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RECEIVES PERIODIC REPORTS ON PARTY MEMBERS OVERSEAS FROM THE COUNTRY MISSION PARTY COMMITTEES AND PARTY CHAPTERS. ALL RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COUNTRY MISSION PARTY COMMITTEES AND PARTY CHAPTERS ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE PROMOTION, DISCIPLINE, PUNISHMENT, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF PARTY MEMBERS STATIONED ABROAD ARE RECORDED BY THE OVERSEAS PARTY CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WHICH INFORMS THE APPROPRIATE PARENT AGENCY/MINISTRY OF THE AFFECTED PARTY MEMBER. THE PARTY ORGANIZATION OF THE CONCERNED AGENCY/MINISTRY MAKES THE DECISION UPON INVESTIGATION WHETHER THE AFFECTED PARTY MEMBER SHOULD BE DISCIPLINED OR PUNISHED. THE MFA, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DECIDE WHETHER ONE OF ITS PERSONNEL SHOULD BE RECALLED, REDUCED IN SALARY, SUSPENDED OR TERMINATED IN EMPLOYMENT. MFA ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION IS USUALLY ACCOMPANIED BY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE OVERSEAS PARTY CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR CONCURRENT PARTY DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND PUNISHMENT. IN THESE CASES, THE COMMITTEE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DECIDE WHAT TYPE OF PARTY DISCIPLINARY ACTION OR PUNISHMENT SHOULD BE LEVIED IN CONJUNCTION WITH RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE MFA PARTY GROUP. PARTY DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND PUNISHMENT COULD BE IN THE FORM OF CRITICISM, WARNING/REPRIMAND, TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PARTY MEMBERSHIP, OR EXPULSION FROM THE PARTY. EXPULSION FROM THE PARTY IS USUALLY ACCOMPANIED BY AUTOMATIC RECALL AND TERMINATION OF MFA EMPLOYMENT. IF THIS OCCURS, BOTH THE MFA PARTY GROUP AND THE OVERSEAS PARTY CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE INFORM THE AGENCIES PARTY COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S SECRETARIAT OF THE ACTION TAKEN, SINCE THE AGENCIES PARTY COMMITTEE IS THE VNCP'S HIGHEST BODY FOR MONITORING PARTY ACTIVITIES IN THE CIVILIAN SECTOR. APPROPRIATE ENTRIES ARE THEN MADE IN THE AFFECTED MFA EMPLOYEE'S PARTY RECORD MAINTAINED BY THE AGENCIES PARTY COMMITTEE, WHICH IS THE CENTRAL COLLECTION POINT FOR CIVILIAN PARTY MEMBER DUES.

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AND FOREIGN TRAVELS THROUGH THE SECRETARIAT'S OFFICE. PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED BODYGUARD PERSONNEL ARE ARMED AND RECEIVE SPECIAL TRAINING FROM AN UNKNOWN PARENT AGENCY. THEY ACCOMPANY POLITBURO AND SECRETARIAT MEMBERS EVERYWHERE THEY GO WITH ASSIGNED DRIVERS; THEY EAT, SLEEP AND LIVE IN COMPARTMENTED QUARTERS AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE POLITBURO AND/OR SECRETARIAT MEMBER TO WHOM THEY ARE ASSIGNED. ALL BODYGUARD PERSONNEL HAVE RECEIVED SECURITY CLEARANCES; BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIVE CHECKS ARE MADE BY THE SECURITY COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, WHICH MAINTAINS THEIR PERSONNEL DOSSIER. [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH THE SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE PARENT AGENCY OF ASSIGNED BODYGUARD PERSONNEL, BODYGUARD PERSONNEL ARE PROVIDED BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR'S SECURITY GUARD DEPARTMENT.]

ALTHOUGH MOST PERSONAL STAFF EMPLOYEES ARE SELECTED BY POLITBURO, SECRETARIAT AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS THEMSELVES, ALL HAVE HAD BACKGROUND SECURITY CHECKS BY THE SECURITY COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. MOST ARE SELECTED FROM RELATIVES OR ARE HIGHLY TRUSTED THROUGH PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE. OTHER PERSONAL STAFF EMPLOYEES ARE OBTAINED BY REQUEST THROUGH THE SECRETARIAT'S OFFICE; ALL ARE SUBJECTED TO SECURITY COMMITTEE AND MINISTRY OF INTERIOR BACKGROUND CHECKS. PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED PHYSICIANS AND INTERPRETER/TRANSLATORS MUST RECEIVE SECURITY CLEARANCES IN THIS MANNER; THEY ACCOMPANY THE INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM THEY ARE ASSIGNED DURING IN-COUNTRY AND FOREIGN TRAVEL. THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR MAINTAINS BACKGROUND DOSSIERS ON ALL ASSIGNED PERSONAL STAFF EMPLOYEES, WHICH ARE PERIODICALLY UPDATED BY THE SECURITY COMMITTEE. THE SECURITY COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOW-UP

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INVESTIGATIVE ACTION.

4. GREEN-UNIFORMED MINISTRY OF INTERIOR PAPSF UNITS ARE ASSIGNED TO GUARD THE OFFICES AND RESIDENCES OF CIVILIAN POLITEURO AND SECRETARIAT MEMBERS, WHILE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) MILITARY SECURITY UNITS ARE SIMILARLY ASSIGNED TO MILITARY POLITBURO AND SECRETARIAT MEMBERS. PAPSF COMPANIES (100 MEN EACH) ARE ASSIGNED TO GUARD THE RESIDENCES OF LE D U A N, TRUONG C H I N H, PHAM VAN D O N G, LE DUC T H O AND PHAM HUNG; PAPSF PLATOONS (30 MEN EACH) ARE ASSIGNED TO GUARD THE RESIDENCES OF NGUYEN DUY T R I N H, LE THANH N G H I, LE VAN L U O N G, NGUYEN VAN L I N H, VO CHI C O N G, TO H U U, VO VAN K I E T AND DO M U O I; PRIOR TO THE FEBRUARY 1980 DEMOTION OF TRAN QUOC H O A N, ONE PAPSF COMPANY WAS ASSIGNED TO HIS RESIDENCE; PAPSF SQUADS (10 MEN EACH) ARE ASSIGNED TO SECRETARIAT MEMBERS NGUYEN L A M AND XUAN T H U Y. PAVN MILITARY SECURITY COMPANIES (100 MEN EACH) ARE ASSIGNED TO PROTECT VAN TIEN D U N G, CHU HUY M A N AND VAN TIEN D U N G; MILITARY SECURITY SQUADS (10 MEN EACH) ARE ASSIGNED TO SECRETARIAT MEMBERS LE QUANG D A O AND SONG H A O.

5. THE BARRACKS OF THE PAPSF COMPANY WHICH IS ASSIGNED TO GUARD THE OFFICE AND RESIDENCE OF POLITBURO MEMBER AND PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG IS LOCATED AT THE REAR OF THE PREMIER'S OFFICE BUILDING FACING ONTO PHAN DINH PHUNG STREET, WHERE PAPSF PERSONNEL GUARD THE GATE. TWO OTHER GUARD POSTS ARE STATIONED AT THE FORMER PRESIDENT HO CHI MINH'S OFFICE/RESIDENCE COMPLEX WHERE PHAM VAN DONG CURRENTLY RESIDES. THE "BLUE" GATE ENTRANCE ON HUNG VUONG STREET IS THE ONLY GATE THROUGH WHICH PREARRANGED AUTHORIZED ACCESS IS ALLOWED FOR FOREIGN AMBASSADORS AND VISITORS FOR AUDIENCES WITH THE PREMIER; THE REAR "RED" GATE LEADS TO THE PREMIER'S OFFICE BUILDING.

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THE AGENCIES PARTY COMMITTEE OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST PARTY
CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S SECRETARIAT (1969-EARLY MARCH 1980)

1. THE AGENCIES PARTY COMMITTEE (BAN DANG UY CAC CO QUAN) OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST PARTY (VNCP) CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S SECRETARIAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL STAFFS OF THE VNCP SECRETARIAT'S OFFICE (VAN PHONG). EQUIVALENT IN STATUS TO THE CENTRAL MILITARY PARTY COMMITTEE (BAN QUAN UY TRUNG UONG), THE AGENCIES PARTY COMMITTEE WAS KNOWN UNTIL DECEMBER 1976 AS THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL CIVILIAN AND PARTY AGENCIES COMMITTEE (DANG UY CAC CO QUAN CHINH, DAN, DANG TRUNG UONG), A TITLE BORROWED FROM THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY. THE TITLE WAS CHANGED AT THE 4TH VNCP PARTY CONGRESS IN DECEMBER 1976, WHEN THE VNCP STROVE TO ELIMINATE CHINESE INFLUENCE FROM THE VNCP. IN EXISTENCE SINCE THE 2 SEPTEMBER 1945 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (DRV), THE AGENCIES PARTY COMMITTEE IS THE BODY AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL FOR THE CONTROL AND DIRECTION OF ALL CENTRAL-LEVEL CIVILIAN AGENCY AND MINISTERIAL-LEVEL PARTY GROUPS (DANG DOAN) AND PARTY COMMITTEES (DANG UY) IN THE PRESENT SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV).

2. THE AGENCIES PARTY COMMITTEE IS THE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH RESOLUTIONS, DIRECTIVES, INSTRUCTIONS AND CIRCULARS ISSUED BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND/OR BY THE SECRETARIAT ARE PASSED TO ALL PARTY ORGANIZATIONS OF CENTRAL-LEVEL CIVILIAN AGENCIES AND MINISTERIES. IT

IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PARTY GUIDELINES, FOR PROVIDING DIRECTION TO ALL CENTRAL-LEVEL CIVILIAN PARTY ORGANIZATIONS AND FOR MONITORING THE ACTIVITIES OF CENTRAL-LEVEL CIVILIAN PARTY GROUP/COMMITTEE MEMBERS. ALTHOUGH IT KEEPS RECORDS ON ALL PARTY MEMBERS, THE COLLECTION OF MONTHLY PARTY DUES AND PAST AND PRESENT ASSIGNMENTS OF PARTY MEMBERS, IT DOES NOT MAINTAIN PERSONNEL DOSSIERS, WHICH ARE KEPT BY THE PERTINENT CENTRAL-LEVEL CIVILIAN AGENCY OR MINISTRY. IT HAS NO POWER AND/OR AUTHORITY TO APPOINT OR ASSIGN PARTY CADRES TO CENTRAL-LEVEL CIVILIAN PARTY ORGANIZATIONS; THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT'S ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT (BAN TO CHUC). ALTHOUGH IT KEEPS RECORDS OF CIVILIAN PARTY CADRE ADMISSIONS AND EXPULSIONS FROM THE PARTY, IT HAS NO AUTHORITY TO APPROVE OR RECOMMEND THE ADMISSION OF NEW PARTY MEMBERS OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION (SUSPENSION, EXPULSION) OF PARTY MEMBERS; THIS AUTHORITY RESTS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL PARTY MEMBER'S CENTRAL-LEVEL CIVILIAN PARTY ORGANIZATION.

3. AT THE DECEMBER 1976 4TH VNCP PARTY CONGRESS, PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD CONCERNING THE DISBANDING OF THE AGENCIES PARTY COMMITTEE AND PUTTING ALL PARTY MEMBERS OF CENTRAL-LEVEL CIVILIAN AGENCIES AND MINISTRIES IN HANOI UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF LOCAL PARTY CHAPTERS OF THE HANOI CITY PARTY COMMITTEE. THIS WOULD HAVE

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GIVEN LOCAL POLICE AND LOCAL PARTY CHAPTERS OF THE HANOI CITY PARTY COMMITTEE CLOSER AND STRICTER CONTROL OVER THE OFF-AND ON-DUTY WORKING HOURS OF ALL PARTY MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO CENTRAL-LEVEL CIVILIAN AGENCIES AND MINISTERIES IN HANOI AND WOULD HAVE REDUCED THE POWER AND AUTHORITY OF CENTRAL-LEVEL CIVILIAN PARTY ORGANIZATIONS OVER THEIR ASSIGNED PARTY MEMBER EMPLOYEES. THE PROPOSAL WAS OPPOSED BY CENTRAL-LEVEL PARTY REPRESENTATIVES AT THE PARTY CONGRESS AND WAS NOT PUT INTO EFFECT. AS OF EARLY 1980, SUBORDINATE PARTY CHAPTERS OF CENTRAL-LEVEL CIVILIAN PARTY ORGANIZATIONS OPERATED AS BEFORE WITH THE AUTHORITY ONLY TO KEEP TRACK OF WORKING-HOUR OFFICE ACTIVITIES; THEY HAD LITTLE OR NO CAPABILITY TO KEEP TRACK OF OFF-DUTY ACTIVITIES OF PARTY CHAPTER MEMBERS.

4. THE AGENCIES PARTY COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS AS A GO-BETWEEN FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) PARTY GROUP (DANG DOAN) AND THE VNCP SECRETARIAT'S OFFICE (VAN PHONG). IT HAS LIMITED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MFA PARTY MEMBERS ASSIGNED ABROAD. ALL MFA DIPLOMATS MUST CHECK IN WITH THE AGENCIES PARTY COMMITTEE DURING THEIR OUT-PROCESSING. THE OUT-PROCESSING PROCEDURE BEGINS WITH THE MFA CADRE ORGANIZATION SERVICE, WHICH ISSUES AN ASSIGNMENT PAPER TO THE OUT-GOING DIPLOMAT. THE OUT-GOING DIPLOMAT HAND-CARRIES THE ASSIGNMENT PAPER TO HIS APPROPRIATE PARTY CHAPTER SECRETARY AND SUPERIOR PARTY COMMITTEE SECRETARY FOR SIGN-OFF BEFORE CARRYING IT TO THE AGENCIES PARTY COMMITTEE. THE AGENCIES PARTY COMMITTEE RECORDS THE ASSIGNMENT IN ORDER TO COLLECT THE CADRE'S MONTHLY PARTY DUES FROM THE MFA PARTY GROUP DURING HIS ABSENCE ABROAD. ONCE RECORDED, THE AGENCIES PARTY COMMITTEE ISSUES A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION TO THE OUT-GOING DIPLOMAT'S NEW OVERSEAS PARTY CHAPTER. THE LETTER OF INTRODUCTION IS TAKEN TO THE SECRETARIAT'S OVERSEAS PARTY

CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WHERE MEMBERSHIP IN THE APPROPRIATE OVERSEAS PARTY CHAPTER IS RECORDED.

NOMINAL ROLE OF SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL IN DECLARING WAR AND GENERAL MOBILI-
ZATION; NDC MEMBERSHIP; SUSPECTED AMBITION OF
PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL LE DUAN TO HEAD THE NATIONAL DEFENSE
COUNCIL (DOI: 1978-FEBRUARY 1980)

1. ALTHOUGH THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL (NDC) OF THE SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) PRESIDENT'S OFFICE HAS THE CONSTITUTIONAL
RIGHT TO DECLARE WAR AND GENERAL MOBILIZATION, THESE DECISIONS ARE
FIRST MADE BY THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST PARTY (VNCP) POLITBURO'S
DECISION-MAKING INNER CIRCLE AND ARE ONLY OPENLY DECLARED BY THE NDC.
NOMINALLY HEADED BY THE SRV PRESIDENT, THE NDC IS NOT A PERMANENT
STANDING BODY, MEETS ONLY AT TIMES OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY, HAS NO POWER
BY ITSELF TO DECLARE WAR AND GENERAL MOBILIZATION AND HAS NO POWER
OR AUTHORITY TO FORMULATE AND DECIDE UPON NATIONAL DEFENSE POLICY,
WHICH RESTS SOLELY WITH THE POLITBURO'S INNER CIRCLE. THE ROLE OF
THE NDC IS EXPECTED TO CHANGE IF EVER THE NEW SRV CONSTITUTION, WHICH
IS STILL IN THE DRAFT AND DISCUSSION PHASE, IS ENACTED. VNCP MEMBERS
SPECULATE THAT PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL LE D U A N HAS THE AMBITION OF
BECOMING NDC CHAIRMAN UNDER THE NEW CONSTITUTION. IF NOT LE DUAN, EITHER
TRUONG CHINH OR PHAM VAN DONG OF THE POLITBURO'S DECISION-MAKING INNER
CIRCLE WOULD BECOME THE NDC CHAIRMAN.

2. ACCORDING TO THE CURRENT CONSTITUTION, THE NDC IS HEADED BY
THE SRV PRESIDENT AND IS COMPOSED OF THE MOST SENIOR RANKING VNCP
AND GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS. SINCE THE DEATH OF SRV PRESIDENT TON DUC

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T H A N G, THE POSITION OF NDC CHAIRMAN HAS BEEN VACANT; ACTING SRV
PRESIDENT NGUYEN HUU T H O HAS NO POSITION ON THE NDC. VICE CHAIRMAN
PHAM VAN DONG HAS BECOME ACTING CHAIRMAN. OTHER KNOWN NDC MEMBERS ARE
PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL LE DUAN, POLITBURO MEMBER AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
CHAIRMAN TRUONG C H I N H, POLITBURO MEMBER AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR
PHAM H U N G, POLITBURO MEMBER AND MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE VAN
TIEN D U N G, AND POLITBURO MEMBERS VO NGUYEN G I A P, NGUYEN DUY
T R I N H, LE THANH N G H I AND TRAN QUOC H O A N. ONLY LE DUAN,
TRUONG CHINH, PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG AND PHAM HUNG ARE CURRENTLY
MEMBERS OF THE POLITBURO'S DECISION-MAKING INNER CIRCLE. LE DUC T H O
IS THE ONLY POLITBURO INNER CIRCLE MEMBER WHO IS NOT KNOWN TO BE AN
NDC MEMBER. AS OF FEBRUARY 1980, OTHER POLITBURO MEMBERS OF THE NDC
HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVELY REMOVED FROM THE POLITBURO'S DECISION-MAKING
PROCESS, HOLDING ONLY NOMINAL POSITIONS WITH NO POWER AND INFLUENCE
ON THE VNCP SECRETARIAT.