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New:

--- PHAN XUAN DOT AS MINISTER OF FORESTRY, REPLACING TRAN KIEN

--- NGUYEN CANH SINH AS MINISTER OF WATER CONSERVACY, REPLACING NGUYEN THANH BINH. (THERE IS A NGUYEN CANH DINH WHO HAS BEEN A VICE MINISTER OF THAT MINISTRY FOR AT LEAST THE PAST TWO YEARS)

--- NGUYEN TIEN TRINH AS MINISTER OF MARINE PRODUCTS AND

--- NGUYEN CHANAS MINISTER OF MINES AND COAL (ONE OF THE TWO MINISTRIES BORN OF THE FORMER MINISTRY OF POWER AND COAL IN A RECENT REORGANIZATION). THIS IS

NOT THE SAME NGUYEN CHAN WHO HAD BEEN MINISTER OF POWER AND COAL.

A NUMBER OF OTHER MINISTERS WERE SWITCHED FROM ONE TOP POSITION TO ANOTHER. THEY ARE:

--- TRAN QUYNH JUMPED FROM BEING MINISTER AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION TO BECOME VICE PREMIER. FROM 1965 UNTIL AT LEAST 1972, HE WAS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL COMMISSION, AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF DELEGATIONS TO CHINA, INDONESIA, USSR, POLAND, AND EAST GERMANY. HE IS A CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND WILL BECOME THE ONLY VICE PREMIER WHO IS NOT ON THE POLITBURO EXCEPT THE COSMETIC SOUTHERNER HUYNH TAN PHAT.

--- LA LAM GIA WHO WAS PROMOTED FROM VICE MINISTER OF FOOD TO MINISTER OF FOOD, REPLACING HO VIET THANG. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SINCE AT LEAST 1976.

--- TRAN PHUONG MOVED FROM THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION, WHERE HE WAS A MINISTER AND VICE CHAIRMAN, TO THE MINISTRY OF HOME TRADE, REPLACING MINISTER TRAN VAN HIEN. HE IS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (SINCE AT LEAST 1976), AND HAS BEEN IN THE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (IN 1977), VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE SCIENCE COMMISSION (1968-1972), PUBLISHER OF THE HANOI PERIODICALS "HOC TAP" AND "NGHIEN CUU KINH TE" (1967-1978), AND A MEMBER OF THE HAIPHONG PARTY COMMITTEE (1968). HE HAS TRAVELLED ON DELEGATIONS TO CHINA AND NORTH KOREA.

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FOLLOWING A JAN 22 SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE, ACTING PRESIDENT NGUYEN HUU THO SIGNED A DECREE ON JAN 24 NAMING A NUMBER OF NEW PEOPLE TO SENIOR GOVERNMENTAL POSTS. TWO MINISTRIES WERE ALSO REORGANIZED: THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND COAL WAS DIVIDED INTO THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND COAL AND THE MINISTRY OF GRAIN AND FOOD PRODUCTS WAS DIVIDED INTO THE MINISTRY OF FOOD INDUSTRY AND THE MINISTRY OF FOOD.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NEW APPOINTMENTS:

- MINISTRY OF FOOD - LA LAM GIA
- MINISTRY OF HOME TRADE - TRAN VAN HIEN
- MINISTRY OF WATER CONSERVANCY - NGUYEN CANH BINH (POSSIBLY THIS SHOULD BE NGUYEN CANH DING, WHO PREVIOUSLY WAS A VICE MINISTER OF WATER CONSERVANCY.)
- MINISTER OF MARINE PRODUCTS - NGUYEN TIEN TRINH
- MINISTRY OF FORESTRY - PHAN XUAN DOT
- MINISTRY OF MINES AND COAL - NGUYEN CHAN (WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN MINISTER OF POWER AND COAL)
- MINISTRY OF POWER - PHAM KHAI
- MINISTER IN PREMIER'S OFFICE - DANG VIET CHAU
- MINISTER AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION - VU DAI
- VICE PREMIER - TRAN QUYNH

THE NEW APPOINTMENTS ARE CLEARLY DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SRV'S ECONOMIC POLICIES. TWO OF THE KEY APPOINTMENTS ARE THE NEW MINISTERS OF FOOD AND FOOD INDUSTRY, LA LAM GIA AND VU TUAN RESPECTIVELY. BOTH MEN ARE FULL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND GIA HAS SERVED AS VICE MINISTER OF THE OLD MINISTRY OF GRAIN AND FOOD PRODUCTS. GIVEN THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS HANOI IS FACING WITH ITS ECONOMY AS WELL AS IN INTEGRATING THE SOUTH INTO THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM AND CONTINUING PRESENT SECURITY POLICIES, THE RESHUFFLING OF MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS IS UNLIKELY TO PRODUCE ANY DRASTIC RESULTS.