

BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON PRP OFFICIALS
(Saigon Region)

Ta Ba Tong

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*. Ta Ba Tong, aka Nam Thoi, aka Tam Can, was born circa 1918 and is from VC Soc Trang Province, SVN. Tong completed secondary school. Tong joined the Viet Minh in 1945 and from 1946 until 1950 was in charge of intellectual proselyting for the united association (Hoi Lien Viet) of the Saigon Resistance and Administrative Committee. In 1960 he transferred to the united front (Mat Tran Lien Viet) of the Nam Bo Resistance and Administrative Committee as an intellectual research cadre. In 1954 he regrouped to NVN and was assigned to the Ministry of Interior. From 1957 to 1962 Tong was the chief of the Educational Affairs Staff (Phong Giao Vu) of the University of Agriculture and Forestry in Hanoi. He infiltrated SVN in 1963, serving from 1964 on with the IPS and FS. From 1964 through 1968 he was in charge of the IPS magazine, "New Intellectuals," and recruited a number of intellectuals to the ANDPP. Tong replaced Huynh Tan Phat as IPS chief in 1969, at which time he also became a member of the SR-6 Committee, but he was demoted to the position of IPS deputy chief in early 1972, at which time

he headed the Intellectual and Political Proselyting Group. Tong divorced his first wife in order to marry Nguyen Thi Tu, a leading member of the Central Women's Association who was captured by the GVN in 1968. Tong also had a scandalous love affair with a FS legal commo-liaison agent, (FNU) Hoa, which resulted in the birth of a child. Tong's brother, Ta Ba Loc, served with the GVN Ba Xuyen land development service.