

E X T R A C T

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Interministerial Committee for Strategic Hamlets  
Criteria for Completed Hamlets

1. Cleared communists from area, and have coordinated with the Surete Commune Committee hamlet chief to control personnel, equipment, and strength at the strategic hamlet.
2. Have coordinated with a Civil Affairs information service to mobilize the population, and successfully organized all the people.
3. Have instructed, and divided the work of all people as to their common obligations when there are disasters.
4. Have completed fences, spikes, communication trenches, hidden trenches in all houses, etc.
5. Have secretly organized 2 special forces cells for each strategic hamlet.
6. Have organized the election of the executive committee and established a constitution.

Further criteria and refinements of the above six points:

1. Hamlet militia is organized, trained, and armed.
2. The hamlet no longer requires outside emergency assistance.
3. Homes of relocated persons are complete.
4. Construction work on schools, community houses, dispensary, and information hall is complete.
5. An outside communication system or alarm system has been installed.
6. Hamlet defense plans have been prepared and rehearsed.
7. Some type of dedication service or ceremony has been conducted by the district chief or higher official.