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New Organization Chart and Province Data Prepared

A new organization chart of the provincial government's central administration has been prepared based upon information furnished by officials of the GVN. While necessarily unofficial, it represents the status as of January 7, 1964, according to latest available data. Certain ministries such as Interior, Youth and Sports are currently being reorganized internally. As further changes are reported to PAD, they will be incorporated in future editions. See copy attached.

The companion chart of the field organization printed on the map of provinces will be changed to show the elimination of the regional delegates when the new map adding Hau Nghia, Go Cong and any other new provinces is drawn. Data to be added to the list of provinces printed as part of PA Bulletin No. 8 follows:

<u>Province & Chief Town</u>	<u>Districts</u>	<u>Cantons</u>	<u>Villages</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Population</u>
SVN-W					
Go Cong	2	4	31	559km2	170,766
(Go Cong)					(16,500)
SVN-E					
Hau Nghia	4	4	24	1031km2	225,463
(Khien Cuong)					(1,500)

Since Go Cong Province has just being formed from the two eastern districts of Dinh Tuong province and Hau Nghia province was formed from the two westernmost districts of Long An province, plus parts of the southernmost district of both Binh Duong and Tay Ninh provinces, statistics for these areas must be deducted from the respective provinces from which they were taken.

More Province Chiefs Named

The following are new province chiefs appointed since the listing in PA Bulletin No. 10:

	<u>Province</u>	<u>Province Chief</u>
<u>SVN-W</u>	An Giang	Lt. Col. Tran van Tuoi
	Chuong Thien	Lt. Col. Ly Ba Pham
	Go Cong	Lt. Col. Tran van Luc
	Kien Hoa	Col. Nguyen viet Dam
<u>SVN-E</u>	Binh Long	Maj. Le ba Hy
	Hau Nghia	Maj. Sam Tan Phuoc
	Phuoc Long	Maj. Do dinh Luy
	Phuoc Tuy	Maj. Le duc Dat
<u>CVN-L</u>	Binh Dinh	Maj. Tran dinh Vong
	Quang Nam	Col. Nguyen van Thien
	Quang Tin	Maj. Nguyen huu Minh
	Kontum	Lt. Col. Nguyen Ca

Also the Gia Dinh province chief is now Lt. Col. Huynh van Ton, rather than Maj. Ton.

Council of Notables Convenes

Some sixty members of the Council of Notables were named from among leaders of various segments of public life. The following categories summarize their positions:

Educators	10
Businessmen	7
Public officials	3
Doctors	13
Lawyers	7
Journalists	5
Other notables	15

Two women are included in the list of council members. They were all convened on January 2, 1964 for a thirty day session in Saigon's Dien Hong Hall.

MRC Chairman Maj. General Duong van Minh spoke to the inaugural session. A translation of key portions of his address is attached. Dr. Nguyen van Bong, Rector of the NIA, has been elected chief of the technical committee on drafting the Constitution.

Prime Minister Tho Outlines Plans

In his address on Thursday, Jan. 9, 1964, to the Council of Notables, Prime Minister Tho announced plans for activities to be undertaken in a massive program of administrative reform covering all aspects of governmental activities.

Prime Minister Issues Principles for Field Administration

Prime Minister Nguyen ngoc Tho issued Decree No. 9 TT/DVHC on November 29, 1963, setting up four principles to be applied in local administration of government affairs. A translation of this key document is attached.

NIA Graduates in Key Positions

A study of placement of the 381 graduates in the first seven classes of the National Institute of Administration as of November 1, 1963 (pre-coup) shows the following distribution:

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Central Admin.</u>	<u>Field Admin.</u>	<u>Other</u>
1955	Class I	47	22	14	11
1957	Class II	47	20	23	4
1958	Class III	69	29	26	14
1959	Class III	47	32	11	4
1960	Class IV	49	31	11	7
1961	Class V	29	21	5	3
1962	Class VI	37	17	20	-
1962	Class VII	<u>56</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>
		381	203	135	43

Most central agencies and provinces have some NIA alumni; only Long An, Quang Tri and the two new provinces lack them. Twenty of the Deputy Province Chiefs for administration are NIA graduates. The category "other" includes those in military service, foreign service, training, dismissed, deceased, etc.

It is understood that only two NIA graduates holding pre-coup positions in the provinces were arrested, and that the MRC is planning to use all 72 members of the 1963 Class VIII who have just completed their military training at Phu Tho as District Chiefs and Deputies in the Provinces.

Former Participant Named President of NIA Administrative Board

The Prime Minister has appointed Dean Nguyen Cao Hach of the University of Saigon, Faculty of Law to be the new president of the NIA Administrative Board. He replaces Mr. Tran ngoc Lien, former Special Commissioner at the Presidency.

Like the new Rector of NIA with whom he was associated at the Faculty of Law, Dean Hach studied in France. He received his agrege in economics. In 1956 Dean Hach participated in a three months observational study tour of the American educational system, visiting institutions of higher learning throughout the USA.

"Administrative Research" Magazine Features Local Administration

The July-August 1963 issue of "Nghien Cuu Hanh Chanh" (Administrative Research) just published by the Association for Administrative Studies and NIA is devoted to articles on village and hamlet organization and administration. Contributions by former Rector Vu quoc Thong, Vice Rector Nghiem Dang, and various professors discuss such subjects as the historic role of villages and hamlets in Vietnam, comparisons with other countries, and the impact of Decree No. 45-NV of May 3, 1963 and need for its revision to give legal status to hamlets. Several of the articles are being translated into English for distributions to key U.S. officials working in the rural affairs area.

GVN to Continue Trial of New Working Hours

As announced in PA Bulletin No. 10, the new GVN working hours, eliminating the traditional siesta period, will continue for a six months trial period. In effect since Nov. 18, 1963, the new hours have met with much resistance. Government agencies have been instructed to continue to follow the new work schedule at least until June 1 and to evaluate its effect.