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THE AN GIANG EFFORT

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OBJECTIVE:

To help the GVN carryout immediately the REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT of the An Giang Area concentrating material & spiritual resources for maximum productive use by & for the people:

SITUATION: 95% Secure

Area : 1851 sq. km.  
Population : 440,000 people in  
80,000 families

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: 4 Districts  
38 Villages  
257 Hamlets

TOROGRAPHY:

- Low lying delta
- Many fresh water canals + Mekong and Bassac Rivers
- Several Granite Peaks breakthrough plains in Southwest

RESOURCES:

Human:

- Hardworking, receptive people
- Relatively effective government administration at high levels
- Considerable entrepreneurial talent available.

Physical:

- Fair water and road communications
- Good soil and abundant fresh water year around
- Outstanding rock quarrying potential

OBSTACLES TO RAPID DEVELOPMENT:

- Land tenure - 75% of farmers are tenants
- Local vested interests
- Lack of coordination of Ministerial Programs
- Drafting of local technicians & teachers
- Officialdom's traditional Mandarin Outlook

EXISTING PROGRAMS:

- No overall goals!
- Min. of Revolutionary Development  
1965 Budget  
Gen. Thang authorized carryover for completion in 1966 of  
unfinished portions
- 1966 Budget  
101,646,000 qs. - largest in Vietnam  
province can carryout quickly if rapid commodity support  
insured. 49,172,396 reported spent on March 15, 1966

PROGRAMS OF OTHER MINISTRIES:

- Uncoordinated in Saigon and Province
- Details unknown in Province
- Funding and supply procedures very slow main reason Saigon Pre Audit Requirement

THE PROPOSED AN GIANG REVOLUTIONARY  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

GOALS:

- A Land Reform Program which will carry out within 2 years all outstanding reform measures under existing laws and develop further ways to secure some land ownership for remaining tenants.
- Increase real per capita income 30% in 2 years
- Improve educational opportunities to provide
  - elementary education for all children in 2 years
  - vocational high schools in each district in 1 year
  - an A & M college
- Improve local administration to promote honest inspired government for the people.
- Maintain and improve existing security conditions.

ACTION AREAS:

LAND REFORM

Status and Proposed Activities 1966-1967

|    |  |            |
|----|--|------------|
| A. | Rental contracts (Ordinance # 2 Jan. 1955)                                   |            |
| •  | No. existing to be investigated  | 48,352     |
| •  | No. already renewed  | 2,419      |
| B. | Land redistribution (Ordinance # 57 Oct. 1956)                               |            |
| •  | Farmers Title Status   |            |
| •  | No. with Provisional titles  | 7,452      |
| •  | No. with Final titles  | 297        |
| •  | Waiting for Final titles   | 7,155      |
| •  | Expropriation Status   |            |
| •  | Area expropriated  | 1,360 Ha.  |
| •  | Area awaiting expropriation  | 11,580 Ha. |
| •  | Distribution of former French lands  |            |
| •  | Annexed to Cai San   | 1,988 Ha.  |
| •  | To be distributed  | 5,720 Ha.  |
| •  | Distribution GVN Land to Squatters   |            |
| •  | No. cases identified 994 for 19150 Ha<br>Claims made to GVN 410 for 2396 Ha. |            |
| •  | Distribution Land Titles at Cai Son Status                                   |            |
| •  | No. awaiting 4530 of which 3000 ready  |            |

Actions on above can be completed in 2 years at estimated cost 25,000,000ps.

C. Explore additional ways to redistribute land since large majority An Giang farmers will still be tenants after action B above are completed, i.e. purchase, law revision, etc.

AGRICULTURE

- Extend secondary crops production by 10,000 ha in two years soybeans, melons, corn, vegetables, etc.
- Double hog production increase sheep, beef and poultry production 50% in two years.
- Extend farmers organizations to all villages in one year.
- Improve processing of agricultural products, especially rice and sugar milling; encourage through loans new processing facilities, feed mills, etc., by private investors + farmers groups.
- Strengthen farm handicraft production.
- Ensure that agricultural supplies are freely available in the market to farmers at fair prices.
- Ensure fair prices to farmers for rice and other crops.
- Carry through Kien Tan Project and complete Kien Ha Project study.
- Coordinate with Mekong Committee concerning effect of Mekong development on An Giang.
- Study and implement new ways to increase floating rice productivity as well as double cropping with paddy and floating rice.
- Select 200 local farmers, provincial workers and artisans for 3rd Country Training, predominantly short courses.

EDUCATION

- Extend Hamlet School Program to all school-age children.
- Establish vocational schools in villages.
- Establish vocational high schools in Districts extending secondary education.
- Help establish A & N College - possibly Hoa Hao sponsored.
- Provide mobile science exhibits.
- Institute a hamlet literacy program.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Increase present quarry production 500% in 60 days. Provide for sale 50 lb/T of dynamite - drill rod, bits, etc.
- Open new quarries in next 45 days (Hue Duc)
- Increase Prov. Govt. Public Works personnel.
- Rural electrification - light 38 villages.
- Add extra generator for NREC Program to cover 15,000 extra families.
- Build more roads moving PW equipment from provinces where security precludes use & coordinate national & Provincial road programs, i.e. use national bridge beam plant.
- Procure & assign 2 dredges to the Provinces for canal digging, cleaning and reclamation.
- Effect technical study of canals and develop long-range water conservancy plans.
- Improve ferries.

GENERAL:

- \* Need to extend program to contiguous provinces.
- \* Program requires direct Field Ops. backstopping.
- \* Involve Third Countries, volagencies and people-to-people support.
- \* Establish complete program understanding with Hoa Hao, utilize the youth.
- \* Employ maximum self-help project efforts.
- \* Initiate Food For Peace Work Programs including possible support of Land Reform, substitute for relief.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:

- \* Establish position of Permanent Village Secretary to provide continuity in village administration.
- \* Rectify acute disparities in pay scales at village level.
- \* Improve Ministerial coordination.
- \* Seek solution of problem posed by draft of civil officials.
- \* Reform postal service.
- \* Train and utilize revolutionary development cadre for overall Program support.

PUBLIC HEALTH

- . Strengthen, complete and staff existing facilities.
- . Deploy MILPHAP Team to District

PUBLIC SAFETY

- . Bring Police up to strength-formula for Pacified Areas and improve mobility.
- . Prepare for transfer of security responsibilities from military to civil.

- Institute effective police public relations.
- Insure an effective resources control program

#### INDUSTRY, HANDICRAFT AND COMMERCE

- Promote private enterprise.
- Provide local loan funds for improving equipment and financing new industries.
- Have Chinese technicians make small industry and handicraft study.
- Revive sericulture program.
- Assist Fisheries.
- Insure CIP permits sufficient stocks of farm machinery, pumps and agricultural chemicals, etc. in commercial channels.

#### INFORMATION

- Keep the people fully informed about the Program and its progress
- Make them realize it is their program.
- Place a full-time JUSPAO Rep. to support the program.

#### PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS:

- \* Additional Assistant Province Representative.
- \* Four young, experienced men - perhaps IVS - to serve as District Representatives.
- \* Twelve Chinese Rural Development technicians eight working at district, village, and farmer level on secondary crop extension program, and four at province level on farmers organization, small industry, etc.
- \* Six Filipino and/or Korean technicians at district level, four working on program information, with two mechanics backstopping village electrification and water works plans.

ALL ABOVE TO BE IN PLACE BY APRIL 1.

#### ESTIMATED - 1966 SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

|               | Commodities                 | \$(000) |       |
|---------------|-----------------------------|---------|-------|
|               | Grant                       |         | Loan* |
| 5000 M/T      | Cement                      | 80      | 20    |
| 500 M/T       | Re - Bar                    | 60      | 15    |
| 100000 sheets | Alum. Roofing               | 120     | 30    |
| 4000 H/T      | Fertilizer                  | 100     | 300   |
|               | Insecticides, raticides     | 20      | 80    |
|               | Seeds                       | 25      | 25    |
|               | Machinery, dredges          | 200**   | 500** |
|               | tools                       | 50      | 50    |
|               | Vehicles, boats             | 50      | 50    |
|               | POL                         | 20      |       |
|               | NRCC Generator augmentation | 1200    |       |
|               | Misc.                       | 200     | 200   |
|               |                             | 1825    | 1270* |

\* Mostly from CIP

\*\* May be from 3rd Country Aid