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### Rural Construction Cadre Reorganization

1. Min Rur Const -- specifically one Mr Nhi -- is boiling out papers on reorganizing the cadre like mad. To some extent they follow the guidelines established in the MLG-staffed paper "Strengthening the Rural Cadre Program" (or approx title) but have a tendency to go off on ill-considered tangents in other ways. It is commendable energy, apparently under pressure from Thang, but needs active US participation and guidance. Unless it is happening as I write, there is nothing set in concrete yet, but the mix is indubitably stiffening.
2. The principal question as relates to the GVN is, "How much pressure is on, with how many pre-conceived ideas, from whom?" There are all kinds of possible implications, including the rumor that this whole thing is part of a Southern Dai-Viet Catholic effort to build a cadre to bring back Nguyen Ton Hoan. Believe, however, we can participate at the working level without getting mixed into such political imbroglios, particularly if we know something about who admits to current concern, and directions in the RCC.
3. The US side is an even bigger question -- how do we do something effective to help, without getting into another inter-empire coordination dispute. [

4. USOM cadre man, Ivan Asey, new here, is most cooperative and desirous of doing what is right, but is not operationally minded -- needs guidance, and wants it. Hudson, who has had long contact with cadre programs, alerted me last night to the feverish pace on the GVN side. He and Asey are at RC now, trying to find out how much heat, and how we may best help directly. They also have a small stack of suggested changes, and questions, based on the approved paper referred to above. I will see them again about 1230, and probably be in touch with them through the week-end, trying to work out on non-controversial aspects, and perhaps getting some informal JUSPAO and, perhaps, MAC-V, input, unless otherwise directed.

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