

GENERAL COMMISSARIAT FOR REFUGEES

Phu Tông-Uy Di-Cu

Commissariat Général aux Réfugiés

Central Administrative Address:

Telephone number for information:

I Central Administration Officials:

TITLE	NAME	DATE APPOINTED
Commissioner-General	BÙI VĂN LƯƠNG	
Deputy Commissioner General	MAI VĂN HĀM(??)	
Inspector General		
Director of Cabinet		
Private Secretary		
Chief of Propaganda Service		
Chief of Administrative Services		
Director of Reception		
Director of Resettlement		
Director of Financial Affairs		

II Advisory Groups to Central Administration

NAME	TITLE	DATE APPOINTED
<u>A. Superior Commission for Refugees</u>		
President:	Commissioner General for Refugees	
Members:	Delegate of the National Committee for Refugees	
Le Van An	Inspector-General of Financial and Administrative Services	
	Delegate, Ministry of Interior	
	Delegate, Ministry of Finance & Economy	
	Delegate, Ministry of Health & Social Action	
	Delegate, Ministry of Public Works & Telecommunications	
	Delegate, Ministry of Agriculture	

Delegate, Ministry of Information
 Delegate, Ministry of Labor & Youth
 Delegate, South Vietnam Regional
 Administration
 Prefect of Saigon-Cholon
 Delegate of the Refugees
 Delegate of the Refugees
 Secretary: Deputy Commissioner for Refugees

B. National Committee for Refugees

President 1/ :

Vice-President 1/ :

Secretary: Deputy Commissioner for Refugees

Members:

III. Field Office

A. Central Vietnam:

Delegation of the General Commissariat for Refugees to C.V.N.
 , Hué. Telephone:

Delegate:

B. North Vietnam:

Delegate of the General Commissariat for Refugees to N.V.N.
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Delegate:

(C. Pays Montagnard du Sud ? -- Not provided by statute.

Delegation of the General Commissariat for Refugees to PMS
 , Dalat

Delegate:

IV. Statutory basis for Agency's creation and operations

A. Creation

The General Commissariat for Refugees was created by Arrêté
 No III - PTT/VP of 9 August 1954. A Special fund for refugee

1/ Elected by Committee members

assistance was established by Arrêté 884-TC of 24 August 1954.

Arrêté No III - PTT/VP was annulled and the General Commissariat was reorganized by Decree 85-CP of 17 September 1954. Presidential Arrêté No 928-NV of the same date establishes the internal organization of the General Commissariat.

B. Operation

The Commissioner General has established refugee policy and implemented his program by issuance of the following

Arrêtés ?

Instructions ?

Notes ?

V. Powers of the Agency Head

The Commissioner-General is appointed by decree, is directly responsible to the President, and has the rank and prerogatives of a Minister. He controls an autonomous agency budget, decides which policy questions are to be presented to his advisory committees, is president of the Superior Commission and participates in meetings of the National Committee, (recommends agency organization for confirmation by Presidential Arrêté ?) staffs the agency by requesting assignments for detached service from other government agencies, appoints such personnel, and determines their assignments.

VI. Functions of the Agency

A. General Mission:

To resolve all questions concerning the evacuation, transportation, reception, lodging, supply and economic resettlement of evacuees (including SVN displaced persons).

B. Functions of organizational subdivisions

1. The General Inspectorate

Is responsible directly to the Commissioner-General. Under an

Inspector-General, assisted by 2 Inspectors and 4 Controllers, it maintains controls over the activities of all the services of the agency, and oversees the proper application of instructions and regulations within the framework of the General Commissariat's plan of operations.

(The Inspector-General, the Inspectors and the Controllers shall have the assimilated rank and perquisites of a Director of Cabinet, Chiefs of Services and Bureau Chiefs, respectively.)

2. The Cabinet (Headed by a Director with the assimilated rank of a Secretary of State)
 - a. Handles confidential matters
 - b. Maintains liaison with the Presidency, other Departments, and outsiders
 - c. Coordinates the activities of the various divisions of the agency
 - d. Centralizes mail submitted for the signature of the Commissioner-General
 - e. Prepares general **directives** governing the details, execution and control of the agency's program of operations.
 - f. Provides secretarial service for the advisory Commission and Committee
 - g. "Missions" ?
3. The Private Secretariat
 - a. Handles personal matters
 - b. Arranges interviews and meetings
 - c. Arranges field trips
 - d. Conducts relations with the press.

The Propaganda Service

Concerns itself with all questions of information and

propaganda related to the acceleration of the evacuation movement, and maintaining or raising the morale of the evacuees

5. The Mail and Records Bureau of the Administrative Service

- a. Processes incoming and outgoing correspondence
- b. Conducts general (routine?) correspondence
- c. Provides typing, library and documentation service
- d. Maintains general files

6. The Bureau of Personnel and Accounting of the Administrative Service

- a. Organizes and administers the personnel program, recruits employees and ensures the application of Civil Service statutes.
- b. Maintains payroll accounts
- c. Maintains accounts on matériel
- d. Pays authorized expenditures
- e. Maintains inventories

There are three Directorates of Specialized Services, responsible directly to the Director of Cabinet. The basic statute merely specifies the names of these directorates, which are to be headed by Directors, and of their subordinate services, which are each to be headed by a Chief of Service. They are:

The Directorate of Reception ("Direction de l'Accueil")

- 7. Transport Service ("Service de Transports et Transmissions")
- 8. Lodging and Support Service ("Service d'Hébergement et de Logement")
- 9. Medical-Social Service ("Service Médico-Social")
- 10. Identification and Census Service (Service d'Identification et de Recensement")

The Directorate of Resettlement ("Direction de la Réimplantation")

11. Plan & Execution Service ("Service de Plan et de l'Exécution")
12. Reconstruction & Supply Service ("Service de la Reconstruction et du Ravitaillement")
13. Medical-Social Service ("Service Médico-Social")
The Directorate of Financial Affairs ("Direction des Affaires Financières")
Budget & General Accounting Service ("Service du Budget et de la Comptabilité générale")
Subsidies to Refugees Service ("Service des Subventions aux Refugiés")

On the Regional level, Delegates of the Commissioner-General, with the rank of Directors of Regional Services, are provided for North Vietnam and Central Vietnam.

These representatives, working at regional government headquarters, are to be responsible for the evacuation program, following the directives of the Commissioner-General and collaborating closely with the Regional Delegate, the several Chiefs of Regional Services, and the Chiefs of Province, the latter being the provincial delegates of the Commissioner-General.

In matters concerning South Vietnam, where the General Commissariat has its headquarters, the Commissioner-General exercises his authority on the regional as well as the national level.

The organization is to be reabsorbed into the permanent government agencies gradually, as plans for supplying and reestablishing the refugees are accomplished.