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Free World Aid to Vietnam

Twenty-four Free World nations are providing or have agreed to provide aid to Vietnam.

Fourteen nations providing aid include: Australia, Canada, Republic of China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Thailand, United Kingdom and the United States.

Ten others have publicly agreed to provide aid: Austria, Brazil, India, Iran, Israel, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia and Turkey.

Negotiations are underway between the Government of Vietnam and most of these 24 nations for more aid, and with additional nations for new aid programs.

Of the 24 nations, 10 original nations were providing aid prior to July 15, when the Government of Vietnam made its major request for increased Free World assistance.

The 10 original nations are: Australia, Canada, Republic of China, France, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, United Kingdom and the United States.

The original nations, with aid programs and working relationships already established in Vietnam, are continuing major forms of aid previously committed. Their new and expanded forms of aid have also been substantial.

Fourteen new nations providing or agreeing to provide aid since July 15 include: Austria, Brazil, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Korea, Netherlands, Philippines, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia and Turkey.

The Free World aid now provided assists both military operations and economic progress. Four forms being provided include:

1. Free World personnel in Vietnam, as operational units and as advisory technicians. Reports from embassies in Saigon indicate that personnel now in Vietnam under governmental arrangements, aside from the United States, number 1,066. Of these, 685 are civilian; and 381 are military personnel, with the majority of the military assisting Vietnamese forces and a substantial number engaged in civic action such as rural construction and medical treatment.

Free World personnel, aside from Americans, are now in action at many locations in the provinces of Vietnam, ranging from Hue in the north to Long Xuyen in the southern Delta, encompassing each of the nation's four military corps areas.

2. Vietnamese abroad, in study or training under governmental arrangements. They now number, aside from the United States, 603 in eight Free World nations.

3. Goods and materials provided or specifically agreed to include substantial amounts of many items such as textbooks, ambulances, cement,

medical supplies, iron roofing, windmills, petroleum, hamlet tools and medical and technical high school equipment.

4. Construction of installations, by major Free World grants or credits, includes power plants, university and high school buildings, industrial complexes.

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Australia:

Australia has provided a wide and substantial range of aid to Vietnam under the Colombo Plan since 1956. Its assistance encompasses economic and paramilitary aid, and has gone into every province of Vietnam.

Personnel in Vietnam - 167

Provided - 73-man RAAFV (Royal Australian Air Force Vietnam) with six Australian Caribou planes, on duty at Vung Tau Airbase flying daily military logistical transport missions in support of Vietnamese military forces.

Provided - 83-man AATTV (Australian Advisory and Training Team Vietnam), special forces in jungle warfare, on duty at Dong Da near Hue, Nam Dong, A-Rho, Duc My near Nhatrang and with Vietnamese troops throughout I Corps down to company level.

Provided - Surgical team of eight on duty at Long Xuyen in An Giang Province. The team arrived in October.

Provided - Three experts, in dairying, crop practices and radio techniques.

Vietnamese in Australia - 110.

Goods and Materials -

Provided - Recent rural civic action materials for New Life Hamlet program: 400 radio sets, 2,400 loud speakers and considerable other electrical communications gear; 15,750 sets of hand tools, being distributed to New Life Hamlets in every province; six large community windmills, with the first now installed in Ap Buon Kram near Banmethuot.

Installations:

Provided - A large 50KW broadcasting station at Banmethuot, under construction.

Austria:

Agreed - Medical supplies, blankets and tents.

Brazil: Agreed - Surgical equipment and pharmaceuticals.

Canada:

Canada is providing this year \$730,000 in aid for Vietnam, with the largest part for training of Vietnamese in Canada.

Personnel in Vietnam: I

Provided - Professor of orthopedics at Saigon University section of Cho Ray Hospital, Saigon.

Vietnamese in Canada: 125

Provided - About 125 on scholarships, both academic and technical.

Goods and Materials:

Provided - \$150,000 worth of flour. Funds generated by sales are used for capital construction projects in Vietnam.

Installations:

Provided - New Science Building for the Medical Faculty at the University of Hue. Construction is proceeding.

Agreed - Construction of an auditorium for the Faculty of Sciences at Hue University.

Republic of China:

Personnel in Vietnam - 85 provided, 25 additional agreed, total: 110.

Provided - 70 men in agricultural advisory mission, arrived in September.

Agreed - 16 more in agricultural mission totaling 86, by end of October.

Provided - 15-man military psychological warfare team, arrived in October, for training in guerrilla warfare, civic action, social welfare.

Agreed - Nine-man electrical power mission, due in October, as experts to aid overall development of Vietnamese electrical power capacity.

Vietnamese in Taiwan - Agreed in September: up to 200 for technical training.

Goods and Materials -

Provided - 300 steel plows in September.

Agreed - 26 prefabricated aluminum warehouses, a half-million booklets on modern farming methods, agricultural tools, seed, fertilizer.

Installations -

Agreed - In September, construction of an electrical transformer station near Saigon.

France:

Personnel in Vietnam - 482.

Provided in 1964 - 65 experts under the MFAETV (French Mission for Economic and Technical Assistance to Vietnam). Included:

32 French medical personnel - 25 at Grall Hospital in Saigon; two physicians overseeing the French surgical team annex at Dalat Civil Hospital; three overseeing Pasteur Institute centers at Saigon, Dalat and Nhatrang; two professors at Hue Medical school.

Six at the Centre de Development Industriel in Saigon.

Nine in the Centre National Technique de Phu-Tho near Saigon.

Four in the Ecole Superieure Agronomique, Forestiere et Veterinaire at Saigon.

Provided in 1964 - 417 French professors under the cultural program. Included:

370 professors in nine French institutions: St. Exupery and Jean Jacques Rousseau Lycees at Saigon; Yersin Lycee at Dalat; Pascale Lycee at Danang; the French College at Nhatrang; and four primary schools at Saigon.

47 professors in Vietnamese schools, primarily at Saigon.

Vietnamese in France - 168.

Provided in 1964 - 86 fellowships for technical training, including civil aviation pilot training for six; and 30 academic fellowships.

#### Goods and Materials:

Provided - Low-interest credits of 100 million francs (\$20 million) under the Francefi agreement for financing of imports of French equipment for small and middle Vietnamese industry. Half was agreed to in 1960, another half in October 1963. About 60 per cent has been used.

Provided - 500,000-franc grant in 1964 for equipment for l'Ecole Nationale D'Ingenieurs des Arts Industriels, of the Centre National Technique de Phu-Tho near Saigon.

#### Installations:

Provided - Low-interest credit of 70 million francs in 1960 to aid Vietnamese construction of the major coal-and-chemical complex at An Hoi - Nong San south of Danang. Construction is well underway.

Provided - Low-interest, five-year credit of 60 million francs under the Francefi agreement of 1960 for construction of Vietnam's largest cement producing complex, with plants at Hatien in Kien Giang and at Thu Duc near Saigon.

Provided in 1964 - 930,000-franc grant for installation of a Centre de Formation de Techniciens de l'Electricite at the Centre de Developpement Industriel.

Germany:

Personnel in Vietnam - Provided 12, agreed 14 more, total: 26.

Provided - Six Germans, a director and five instructors, in the German-taught vocational section at Cao Thang Technical High School in Saigon.

Agreed - In September, to transform the above section into the new Vietnamese-German Technical High School, to be constructed soon at Thu Duc near Saigon. German personnel will be expanded in 1964 by three to nine: a director and eight instructors.

Provided - At Hue University, five experts: three physicians in the Medical School, a professor of music, a professor of German language.

Agreed - Addition of about nine more experts for Hue Medical School, as soon as time-consuming recruitment can be completed.

Provided - An expert in forestry at Saigon.

Agreed - Two experts, in planning and in exportation.

Vietnamese in Germany: 40 provided, agreed 30 more, total: 70.

Provided - 40, including eight recently for training in forestry.

Agreed - 20 for 22 months training as future instructors in the technical high school. A considerable number have previously been trained.

Agreed - 10 for technical training for the An Hoi-Nong San coal and chemical complex south of Danang.

Goods and Materials:

Provided - A commodity credit of DM 15 million, signed in August.

Installations:

Provided - A credit of DM 50 million for development of the industrial complex at An Hoi-Nong San.

Provided - A credit of DM 20 million for development projects, with to date one project specified: an abattoir at Saigon.

Provided - A credit of DM 1.2 million for construction of the Vietnamese-German Technical High School at Thu Duc.

India: Agreed - Aid in social and economic fields, types not yet unspecified.

Iran: Agreed - 1,000 tons of petroleum products.

Israel: Agreed - Pharmaceutical supplies.

Italy: Provided - Nine-man surgical team, arrived in October in Saigon.

Japan: Personnel in Vietnam. 80

Provided - About 70 Japanese technicians now at Japan's Danhim Dam power project some 30 miles northeast of Dalat.

Provided - A medical team of six, arrived in September, at Saigon Hospital. The team brought its own equipment and considerable medical supplies.

Provided - Four technicians in Japan's construction underway on an electric transmission line from Thu Duc to Bien Hoa.

Vietnamese in Japan: 50

Provided - About 45 scholarships.

Provided - About five Vietnamese in technical training under the Colombo plan.

Goods and Materials: (About \$500,000 allocated in first phase)

Provided - A considerable amount of medical equipment and supplies.

Agreed - Twenty ambulances, due in late October.

Agreed - 20,000 radios.

Installations:

Provided - Danhim Dam project, begun in 1960 with installation of last major elements, two turbine generators, by end of November. Japan has provided \$37 million for project, and done the construction, which in 1963 involved more than 500 Japanese technicians, now has 70. Project includes the Danhim Dam, almost a mile wide across the Danhim River, four turbine generators with a total capacity of 160,000 kilowatts and about 250 kilometers of transmission lines to Thu Duc near Saigon.

Provided - A electrical transmission line from Thu Duc to Binh Hoa, now under construction.

Agreed - The My Thuan Bridge over the Mekong River near Vinh Long. The site is now being surveyed.

Agreed - Construction of a cardboard plant near Saigon.

Agreed - Establishment of a salvage company for raising sunken boats, with agreement signed in October. A Japanese boat, to arrive in 1964, will operate along the entire coast of Vietnam.

Korea:

Personnel in Vietnam: 140

Provided - Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) unit, with 130 military medical personnel, arrived in September, on duty at Vung Tau Station Hospital. This large field army hospital unit will assist Vietnam in caring for sick and wounded from provinces near Vung Tau. The medical unit marks a milestone in Korean foreign policy as Korea's first military aid personnel ever sent overseas.

Provided - Ten military instructors in taekwondo (Korean karate), arrived in September. Four are on duty training Vietnamese at the ARVN Infantry School at Thu Duc, three at the Vietnamese Military Academy at Dalat and three at the Naval Academy at Nhatrang.

Malaysia:

Provided - About 2,000 Vietnamese military officers have been training in police administration in Malaysia since 1962. Groups of 30 to 60, averaging 40, are regularly sent for about a month's police training which draws upon Malaysian experience in counter-insurgency. Malaysia plans to continue the program in 1965.

Provided - Malaysia has previously provided substantial amounts of counter-insurgency materials, primarily military and police transport such as armored vehicles.

Netherlands:

Agreed - Scholarships

Agreed - To send technicians in tropical agriculture.

New Zealand:

Personnel in Vietnam: 32

Provided - 25-man New Zealand Army Engineers detachment, arrived in June, on duty in Binh Duong Province in civic action projects: building bridges, improving roads and hospitals.

Provided - Six-man surgical team in Qui Nhon. New Zealand sent in its first six-man team in 1963, replaced it with the current team in 1964, has agreed to provide a replacement team for 1965.

Provided - A professor, in English language for Saigon University, who also oversees English language examinations for Vietnamese scholarship candidates for several Commonwealth countries.

Vietnamese in New Zealand: 62

Provided - Scholarships for 62, about half academic and half in technical training under Colombo Plan.

Goods and Materials:

Agreed - Signed in July, a grant of 7,500 pounds for equipment for Nguyen Truong Technical High School at Saigon.

Installations:

Provided - Payment of first third in September of \$192,000 grant to assist construction of new Faculty of Science buildings at the new Saigon University campus at Thu Duc. Construction has begun.

Philippines:

Personnel in Vietnam: 34

Provided - Two medical teams totaling 12 military personnel, arrived in August, on duty at Tay Ninh Provincial Hospital.

Provided - A civilian medical team of four civilians, arrived in August, on duty at Kontum Provincial Hospital.

Provided - A psychological warfare detachment of 18 men, 16 military and two civilian, assigned to PsyWar forces of ARVN at Tan An in Long An, at Phu Loi and Tan Hiep in Binh Duong and in Gia Dinh operating from Saigon.

Spain:

Agreed - Medical aid, types not yet specified.  
Switzerland: Provided - 30 microscopes for Faculty of Pharmacy, Saigon University.  
Thailand:

Personnel in Vietnam: 17

Provided - 17-man military air detachment, with seven C-47 pilots, one navigator and nine maintenance men, arrived in September, on duty flying non-operational transport missions for Vietnamese forces.

Vietnamese in Thailand:

Provided - Training for a number of Vietnamese pilots for combat jet fighters.

Goods and Materials:

Provided - 100 tons of cement and 10,000 sheets of zinc roofing, received in October.

Tunisia:

Agreed - Medical supplies through Red Cross

Turkey:

Agreed - Medical supplies through Red Cross

United Kingdom:

Personnel in Vietnam: 7

Provided - Six civilians in BRIAM (British Advisory Mission).

Provided - A professor of English at Hue University.

Vietnamese in the UK: 8 provided, 12 more agreed, total: 20.

Provided - Eight students for training.

Agreed - Four more students by April, eight additional by September.

Goods and Materials:

Provided - In 1963-64: laboratory equipment for Saigon University; typesetting machine for the Government Printing Office; a cobalt deep-ray therapy unit for the National Cancer Institute; varied equipment for the Faculties of Medicine, Science and Pharmacy at Saigon University, the Meteorological Service and the Agricultural and Silvicultural School at Saigon; books for the Agriculture and Forestry College at Saigon, the Atomic Research Establishment at Dalat and the Faculty of Education at Hue.

Agreed - 50,000 British pounds worth of road-building equipment, to operate in three groups, including tipper trucks and concrete mixers attached to Landrovers.

Agreed - 6,000 British pounds worth of diesel fishing boat engines.

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Free World Aid Personnel Data

<u>Aid Country</u>	<u>Aid Personnel in Vietnam</u>			<u>Vietnamese in Aid Country Under Governmental Programs</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	<u>Military</u>	
Australia	167	11	156	110
Austria	X	X	X	X
Brazil	X	X	X	X
Canada	1	1	X	125
Republic of China	85	70	15	XX
France	482	482	X	168
Germany	12	12	X	40
India	X	X	X	X
Iran	X	X	X	X
Israel	X	X	X	X
Italy	9	9	X	X
Japan	80	80	X	50
Korea	140	140	140	X
Malaysia	X	X	X	40 (average)
Netherlands	X	X	X	X
New Zealand	32	7	25	62
Philippines	34	6	28	X
Spain	X	X	X	X
Switzerland	X	X	X	X
Thailand	17	X	17	X
Tunisia	X	X	X	X
Turkey	X	X	X	X
United Kingdom	7	7	X	8
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