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Monthly Report.

- July 12th. Graduation of 4th class NPA<sup>1</sup> of 145 men out of 146.
- July 16th. Shelby and I reviewed rough traffic training film at USIS.
- July 17th. Entrance examination given at Academy. Results of examination given on July 20.
- July 23rd. Fifth NPA class begins.
- July 25th. At Instructors Meeting discussed the need for evaluating the present curriculum on the basis of changing conditions, etc. Mr. RO Director of Academy stated that he believes the Academy should provide complete courses on Morale, Ideas on Politics, Vietnamese History and Vietnamese Geography. Mr. RO outlined the subheadings for each of the above 4 lectures, thusly:

Morale

Character building and will power  
How to preserve dignity and self respect  
Professional conscience  
Duty toward family and family spirit  
Patriotism and National Spirit  
Preservation of National customs and society-reform  
Rites  
Politeness and Etiquette.

Notions on Politics

Definition. Importance of politics in human life.  
Basic conception of the state. Fatherlands.  
Government.  
Importances between state and individual. Field of activity of the individual.  
The United Nations  
The regimes of governments  
Political regimes  
Democracy

## Notions on Politics (continued)

Constitution of the Republic of Viet Nam

## History of Viet Nam

Origin of the Vietnamese and the southern expansion  
The 1st Chinese domination  
The 2nd " "  
The 3rd " "  
The Nguyen invasion  
The Minh invaders  
The Thanh invaders  
The French domination  
The Republic of Viet Nam  
Position of Viet Nam in the world.

## Geography of Viet Nam

Geographical situation of Viet Nam  
Rivers - Canals. Climate  
Economy - resources, Agricultures, Forests,  
Minerel resources, River resources.  
Industry  
Commerce

Means of communication.

Mr. RO asked that Mr. HUONG, Assistant Director add the Morale lecture to his present lecture on Police Ethics and that he, (RO), would begin one hour lectures next week (week of July 30th) on Notions on Politics, History and Geography.

Mr. RO's above suggestions were approved unanimously by the instructors.

It was suggested by Mr. RO that because of the added lectures the length of the class term be extended to 8 full weeks. I suggested that one hour, ~~be added at noon & out of class time~~, and some classroom work could be done Saturday afternoons. My suggestion was voted down. The Academy will now operate for eight weeks.

Mr. RO has written up a suggestion for a Cadet training school of one years durations, for youths of 17 to 18 years of age who are sons of Veterans or of police officers to learn police work. He has submitted this idea to Mr. Chau, Secretary of Interior. Copy of Mr. RO's report is attached.

Am working on questionnaire to be sent to Police Academy graduates and Chiefs of Police re suggestions for betterment of Academy and general survey of opinions on the Academy work.

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Memorandum to Howard W. Hoyt  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities.

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SUMMARY  
AUGUST MONTHLY REPORT  
POLICE ADVISORY GROUP

I. GENERAL

a. Although the General Law Enforcement Reorganization Plan was submitted by the MSU Group to the Ministry of Interior in July 1956, no further progress has been made in this area, inasmuch as Mr. CHAU, Minister of Interior, has failed to call any meetings of the committee he appointed to study this matter.

b. The Reorganization Plan of the Municipal Police of Saigon-Cholon is under continuous development and several meetings have been held with various officials of the Saigon-Cholon Police Department in this connection.

c. MAAG Ordnance officers have cooperated with the MSUG in developing storage racks, repair equipment needs, and have furnished advice in the selection of buildings for arms and ammunition depots both for the Saigon-Cholon Police Department, as well as for the VBI at the Camp des Mares.

d. The comprehensive alternative proposals regarding the future location and the equipment needs of the VBI Crime Laboratory were formulated by Professor Turner and presented to General Le, prior to the former's departure from Saigon. The final decision with regard to the implementation of these plans is now in the hands of the Ministry of Interior.

e. Inasmuch as the necessary budgetary calculations have not been received as yet, from the VBI, no progress has been made in giving them assistance in the formulation of their 1957 Budget.

II. TRAINING

a. On 16 August 1956, sixteen (16) men coming from the VBI, the Saigon-Cholon Police Department and from the Instructors' Staff of the National Police Academy began a one-month course in the fundamentals of instructing in the use and firing of .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolvers. Fifteen (15) VBI agents arrived at the National Academy to begin a one-month training course in the handling and firing of these revolvers.

b. MSU Police Advisors participated in seven (7) hours of lectures at the National Police Academy, four (4) hours at the National Institute of Public Administration and twelve (12) hours of English instruction at the Municipal Police (Shelby).

c. Thirteen (13) officers of the Civil Guard were graduated from a 3-months' intensive English course. Four (4) of these officers are scheduled to go to MSU in early September. Fifteen (15) Civil Guard men were enrolled in the Army Driver Training School at Quang Trong.

d. Two (2) men each from the VBI, Saigon-Cholon Police Department and the Civil Guard have been enrolled at the Institute in the course entitled "Personnel Administration".

### III. CIVIL GUARD

a. Mr. Richard Rogers accompanied Mr. Trach, Director General of the Civil Guard, and three (3) other Civil Guard officers, on an 8-day inspection trip to the Federation of Malaya. The purpose of this trip was to visit training installations and to learn something of the operation's methods of the various police units in that country.

b. A Driver's Manual is in the process of being developed and should be completed for distribution to all Civil Guard drivers during the month of September.

c. According to a radiogram received by MAAG from the Department of the Army, it may be possible that surplus military transportation equipment may be transferred to the Civil Guard. Plans to effect this possibility are now in the process of being worked out between MSU, USCM and MAAG.

### IV. MUNICIPAL POLICE

a. A universal traffic accident report form was developed by Mr. Shelby, and has been explained and presented to General Le, Director Tu of the Saigon-Cholon Police Department, and Mr. Quoi, Director of Traffic of this Department.

b. A motion picture on traffic control has been completed and approved by the MSUG, with only the sound track remaining to be done.

### V. IDENTIFICATION AND CRIME DETECTION

a. Since moving to the Camp des Mares, satisfactory progress has been made by the Fingerprint Identification Section and much office equipment and many supplies have been made available by the Vietnamese Government.

b. 1,588 sets of fingerprints were received from the rural militia and have been completely classified by this Section. 4,519 sets of fingerprints, under the Henry System, together with an equal number of name cards and numerical cards, have been filed by personnel of this Section.

c. Many sets of guide cards for use in filing have also been completed by this Section.

d. General Le has approved the printing of 20,000 3x5 cards which will be used to register all guns issued to various Vietnamese Police Agencies; which weapons are the result of American Aid.

### VI. VBI

a. Plans for transferring the Immigration Division of the VBI to the Camp des Mares have been approved and said transfer is expected to take place in early September.

b. A plan to conduct a personnel inventory of VBI personnel was presented to General Le by Doctor Wickart, and is now in the early stages of implementation. Two (2) VBI agents have been assigned to Doctor Wickart in this connection.

c. The previous decision to move the Headquarters of the VBI for South Viet Nam from Catinat Street to the Camp des Mares has been rescinded, in view of the fact that insufficient space is available at the Camp des Mares for this purpose at the present time.

d. Regular and frequent meetings were held throughout the month of August, 1956, with General Le, in an effort to continue the development of confidence between the General and the MSU Group. It is to be noted that General Le called upon the MSUG for assistance on a much greater number of occasions during the month of August than at any time in the past.

## AUGUST MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CIVIL GUARD

1. Thirteen (13) officers of the Civil Guard were graduated from a 3-months intensive English course. Four (4) of these officers are scheduled to go to MSU early in September.

2. The writer accompanied Mr. Trach, Director General of the Civil Guard, and three of his officers on an 8-day trip to the Federation of Malaya, at their invitation and expense. The purpose of the trip was to visit training installations and operations of the various police units in Malaya. For further information, I would like to refer you to the Report and General Impressions of the trip.

3. MAAG has received a radiogram from the Department of the Army permitting the transfer of surplus transportation equipment to the Civil Guard. During the month, several necessary motor pool forms have been completed and others are in the rough draft status. A Driver's Manual is being worked on and should be completed in the month of September.

4. The writer visited and inspected the Army Driver Training School at Quang Trung. The Civil Guard has fifteen (15) men enrolled in this 6-weeks course and expect to be able to send more officers. The writer was very impressed with the School; their method of instruction and the equipment they have for demonstration purposes.

5. The Material and Supply Division of the Civil Guard was inspected by the writer during the month of August. They have received, during the month, a fair-sized quantity of uniforms that have been purchased with their plaster funds.

6. The writer attended the Veterans Memorial Ceremony, held in honor of the Vietnamese and French soldiers who have died in line of duty. It was interesting to note that the only forces present were the Civil Guard Band and the Honor Guard of the Civil Guard.

7. Lt. Colonel Barth, Liaison Officer with MAAG, notified the writer that President Diem had vetoed the plan presented by MAAG, with the approval of the MSU Police Team, to disband the Gendarmerie at this time.

8. Colonel Tran Tu Oai, Commander of the Quang Trung Training Academy, has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. On August 27th, he was designated by the President to take command of the Civil Guard temporarily. Director General Trach has been sent to Madrid, Spain with a group of Vietnamese to attend the International Political and Administration Congress. General Oai states that Director Trach will be gone about three (3) weeks. General Oai will also be Commander of the Training Academy during this period.

## AUGUST MONTHLY REPORT OF THE FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SECTION

1. Since the Fingerprint Identification Section has moved into Camp des Mares, satisfactory progress has been made by the members of this Section and, at the same time, the Vietnamese Government has made, or is making available certain office

equipment and supplies, in order that they may carry on their work. During the month, the following office equipment has been ordered for this Section from Vietnamese funds and include:

- 8 fluorescent light fixtures
- 8 table fans
- 2 bulletin boards
- 2 executive desks (received)
- 2 executive chairs (received)
- 20 secretarial desks
- 24 Macadi chairs (received)
- 4 typewriter desks
- 8 locks for outside doors (received)

together with general office supplies such as paper, ledger books, ink, etc.

2. Two (2) of our personnel have left the Section - one a Miss NGUYEN THI HOE, who left the Section without permission to be married and will not be allowed to return - and the other a Mr. NGUYEN VAN AN, who requested to be transferred back to his original post. This request was granted through channels and he has now returned to his previous assignment.

3. Also during the month, there were 1,588 sets of fingerprints received from the rural militia - all of which have been completely classified by the members of the Section; also, there were 4,519 sets of fingerprints filed according to the new system, together with an equal number of name cards and numerical cards respectively.

4. Besides this work, the members of the Section have completed many sets of guide cards for filing purposes which are being used in the new method, which is also a portion of the overall training that they are to receive in this line of work. In order that this could be carried out more expeditiously, the building should be remodeled as per our recommendations sometime ago, in order that they could receive the proper training and the amount of training necessary to enable them to eventually take over the criminal identification work, insofar as the fingerprint identification is concerned. We are unable to go further in this training until the building is in a condition to warrant starting this kind of training.

5. In a conversation with General Le the latter part of this month, he informed us that all of the employees of the Identification Section would become members of the Surete or VBI, and assigned to the Fingerprint Identification Section. This will eliminate much lost time due to the fact that some of the employees are municipal police; others are employed by the Civil Guard, which necessitates them going in person to collect their pay many times as high as three different trips before they receive their money. When this transfer has been completed, they will be paid on the spot as all of the other Surete personnel is being done.

6. General Le also approved a 3x5 card which is a form to be used to register all guns that will be issued to the various police agencies in connection with the American Aid Program. 20,000 of these cards are in the process of being printed at this time and when completed and the information recorded, they will be filed at the newly created Identification Section.

7. We feel that much progress has been made by the members of this Section, and that they are accepting their training and, at the same time, putting it into practice by themselves with a minimum of supervision.

#### AUGUST MONTHLY REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE

1. During the month of August 1956, twelve (12) hours were devoted to teaching English to the officers of the Municipal Police. The Radio School and the Gun School were continued during the entire month. Approximately one hundred (100) pistols of the Municipal Police were rebuilt by the class in the Gun School.

2. The Traffic Accident Report Forms, which were under development, were completed and copies, with a letter explaining their use, were submitted to General Le, Mr. Tu and Mr. Quoi, Director of Traffic.

3. Work was continued on the reorganization plan for the Municipal Police. Several meetings were held with the head of the Traffic Division, in which the reorganization of that unit was discussed. The organization plans of some American Traffic Departments was submitted to him for his consideration. The traffic count, surveys and other required material for the ordering of the traffic signal lights from America were received and processed. A meeting was held with the Director of Traffic and the Secretary to the Mayor, at which time all the details for ordering the traffic lights and having them installed were worked out. The actual order will be placed shortly.

4. At the Staff Meeting last Wednesday morning, a discussion of a class in the institution on personnel management was had and pursuant to this discussion, Professor Wickart was contacted and it was agreed that some Civil Guard and municipal police officers could be admitted to this class. Mr. Tu, Director of the Municipal Police, was contacted and he agreed to send 2 officers from his Personnel Department. All the instructions were left with Mr. Tu at that time, and it is understood that these men will enroll and be in class when the class starts about September 3.

5. On 30 August, the writer investigated the possibility of sending men from the Municipal Police to the new mechanical training classes that are being operated by USOM. Mr. Dave Wood was contacted and he agreed that students could be admitted and referred the writer to Mr. Evans, who actually operates these classes. Mr. Evans agreed to accept 7 students from the Municipal Police; recommending that these men attend the School 2 hours each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at a time to be determined later. For further information on this subject, please refer to memorandum dated 30 August from Mr. Shelby to Mr. Ryan.

6. The .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolvers received from America have been checked and are ready for distribution. It was agreed that the Municipal Police were to receive 700 of these weapons with sufficient ammunition for them. A meeting was held with Mr. Tu, at which time it was agreed that these weapons would be assigned to 1 or 2 precincts; that before any weapons were assigned or issued to the officers for their use, they would undergo sufficient training to enable them to use the weapons safely and efficiently and to care for the weapons in the proper manner. The plan for training these officers has been developed and will begin then in the near future.

7. The Municipal Police Department has built at Headquarters a building which is to be devoted to the storage and maintenance of firearms and ammunition and the repair and maintenance of radio and communications equipment. The MAAG Ordnance officers have cooperated with us in developing storage racks and repair kits and equipment with which to furnish this building.

8. The motion picture on traffic control has been completed and approved by us. All that remains to be done in this area is to inscribe the sound on the track. We have assisted USIS Films Production in developing a film of the Fire Department which is to be used for propaganda purposes and arrangements have been made to assist them in the production of a film depicting equipment and activities of the Municipal Police Department here. Arrangements have been made with the Police Department Youth Activities Program to assist and cooperate with USIS and the American Boy Scouts Program in Viet Nam to produce a picture of the Police Scouting and Youth Activities.

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1. The comprehensive alternative proposals regarding the future of the VBI Crime Laboratory in terms of location and equipment needs were completed by Ralph Turner, and were discussed in detail with General Le. The final decision as to whether or not the Crime Laboratory will be located on Filippini Street, or at the Camp des Mares, is a matter now awaiting the final decision of the Ministry of Interior.

2. With the aid of Lt. Colonel Charles E. Septfonds and Captain Sidney K. Kurnutt, who are Ordnance officers at MAAG, 2 buildings located near the center of Camp des Mares were selected as potential storage sites for arms and ammunition. Plans for the utilization of these buildings are being drawn up by MAAG personnel, and will be submitted to General Le upon completion. Meanwhile, General Le has approved the use of these buildings for the purposes stated above.

3. Plans for the transferring of the Immigration Division of the VBI to the Camp des Mares had been approved by General Le and their implementation is anticipated in early September.

4. Two (2) VBI agents have been enrolled in the Personnel Management course at the Institute.

5. Tentative plans to conduct a personnel inventory of all VBI personnel were presented to General Le by Doctor Fred Wickart. The General agreed that there was a definite need for such an inventory and 2 VBI agents have been assigned to work with Doctor Wickart in the drawing up of a personnel inventory form.

6. The MSU Group has agreed to aid General Le in the preparation of the VBI Budget for 1957. The submission of the necessary figures by the VBI is now being awaited.

7. Twenty (20) VBI agents have begun a 1-month instructors' course in the handling and firing of the new .38 caliber revolvers. This instruction is now being held at the National Police Academy under the direction of Mr. Charles Sloane.

8. A list of the decrees regarding the organization and regulations of Police and Security Services in Viet Nam has been secured.

9. The transfer of the VBI Headquarters for South Viet Nam to the Camp des Mares has been delayed indefinitely because of the lack of space.

10. Copies of the General Law Enforcement Reorganization Plan and of the VBI Reorganization Plan were submitted to General Le for his study.