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Staff Visit to Di-Linh (Djiring) March 29, 1958

On Saturday March 29, 1958, Messrs. Kimball, Rumpf and interpreter Nguyen-phut-Tan of MSU visited the city of Di-Linh (Djiring) arriving at 6:15 A.M. We were accompanied by Lieutenant Tran-quoc-Thanh of Surete General Direction Saigon. On arrival we went immediately to the office of the Province Chief. The Province Chief Mr. Le-Ta was away but we were cordially received by the Deputy Province Chief Mr. Nguyen-ton-That. He informed us that both Saigon and Dalat had advised Di-Linh of our intended visit. The Deputy Province Chief pointed out that his Police services were in dire need of assistance in procuring equipment and anything the MSU team could assist in would be appreciated. We were then turned over to the Surete and Municipal Police Chiefs to conduct our survey and demonstrations.

Purpose of Trip: Was to re-survey the city of Di-Linh, to explain and demonstrate recently issued American Aid equipment and to promote a better understanding of MSU's Civil Police Administration Program.

Geography, population etc.: The population of Donai-Thuong province is 103,000. It is comprised of three districts and five hundred ninety two (592) villages. The districts and their population figures are Blac 30,000, Dran 10,000 (refugees) Di-Linh 5,000.

The city of Di-Linh (Djiring) is the capital city of the province. It lies on the Saigon-Dalat highway approximately 220 kilometers from Saigon. The entire province of Donai-Thuong is devoted to the raising of tea and coffee.

Demonstrations given: Demonstrations in the care and use of the following American Aid equipment were given to both the Surete and Municipal Police personnel at Surete Headquarters: Riot shotgun, peerless handcuffs and .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver.

Background of Chief of Police: Mr. Ngo-The-Binh is the Municipal Police Chief. He has held this post the past seven months. Before going to Di-Linh, he was in the Administration Section of the Dalat Police Department for 2 1/2 years. Before going to Dalat, Chief Binh was Chief of Police in several provinces in North Viet-Nam some eight years. In 1957, Chief Binh was sent to Malaya for third country training of three (3) months duration.

Buildings: The Municipal Police of Di-Linh occupy a two room brick building which is centrally located. It was neat and clean but entirely too small for efficient operations.

No quarters are provided for families.

Budget: The Municipal Police Department budget is derived from both the national and provincial budgets. 9/10 from national 1/10 from provincial.

Personnel: The Di-Linh Municipal Police consist of a chief and fourty seven (47) police officers. They are assigned as follows:

(Di-Linh) In office Headquarters		9
On active patrol		19
District Blao	30,000	4
Village Da-Hoa	500	4
Village Fin-Mon	1,200	3
District Bran	10,000	5
Village Cau-Dat	3,000	3
District Di-Linh	5,000	
		49,700 population
		47 total

How Patrolled: Police patrol in the City of Di-Linh and other districts is on foot and bicycle. Chief Binh pointed out that shortly after assuming command he submitted a proposed plan for the re-organization of the Police services to the Dalat Direction. He also requested an increase of some fifty (50) more men. Nothing has happened to his recommendations so far. Police personnel work seven days per week. Duty hours are 12 hours on and 12 hours off.

Transportation: This department has no transportation of its own. They use an old jeep currently on loan from the Dalat Direction.

Training: There are three (3) graduates of the National Police Academy with this department. Chief Binh has no basic or in-service training program being conducted. He states this is impossible due to shortage of personnel. He has however trained all his men in a firearms course, using a military range some 3 kilometers from the city.

Uniforms: This department receives the standard uniform allowance of 600 piasters per man per year for two complete uniforms which are made locally.

Ambulance Service: There is one (1) hospital in Bi-Linh which provides ambulance service when available.

Office Equipment: On hand were two (2) old typewriters described as usable. Wooden file cabinets were in evidence for records and correspondence.

Communications: The Municipal Police have one telephone in Police Headquarters. It may be used to call Dalat or locally. There is a radio transmitter located at Surete Headquarters connected with Dalat.

Weapons: The only weapons available are #10 new Smith and Wesson revolvers issued through MSU's program. Ten police

officers are armed. The balance or thirty seven (37) men are unarmed.

Fire Service: The Municipal Police also perform the duties of firemen. They have no equipment of any description.

American Aid Equipment: This department was issued the following equipment through MSU's Civil Police program:

10 Smith and Wesson .38 caliber revolvers

4000 rounds .38 caliber ammunition

7 pairs peerless handcuffs

Chief's comments on needs are:

Jeep, weapons and ammunition, office equipment, small truck and trailer.

General Information: Chief Binh pointed out the security in the cities is excellent. There is no black marketing as prices are stable. There have been no major crimes. His biggest problem is in the Dran district some 3 kilometers from Di-Linh. This district is made up of 10,000 refugees who resort to minor larcenies.

Departure: The MSU team paid a courtesy call to the Chief of Surete Mr. Trinh-thanh-Binh and then left for Saigon at 10:45 hours.

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