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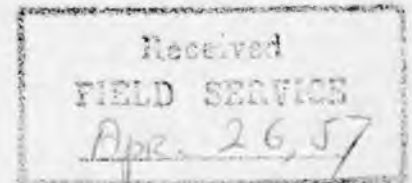
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TO : J. A. Hackett, Chief, Field Service
THRU : J. D. Hanley, Field Representative
FROM : V. M. Long, Field Assistant
SUBJECT: VBI (Vietnamese Bureau of Investigation)
in Tayninh requests USIS help.

DATE: April 22, 1957



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During an interview, to-day April 22 '57 with Lieutenant Ng. Huynh Phuoc, Chief of the VBI in Tayninh, regarding security matters, Lieutenant Phuoc disclosed some of the small problems facing him presently.

Lieutenant Phuoc stated that the Tayninh VBI was in fact, established in the Province since Feb. 29 '56. It was at first, attached to the 13th. Light Division commanding the operation against dissident Cao-Dai at that time. The above Military Unit withdrew after the operation but the VBI under his jurisdiction remains in Tayninh as a new Agency in the structure of the Province Civil Administration and Lieutenant Phuoc, a Military officer, is now detailed to Civil Police.

The Tayninh VBI now includes 3 other sub-stations, ie. one in Long-Hoa (The Cao-Dai Cathedral grounds) one in each of the District Chief-Towns of Trang-Bang and Go-Dau-Ha. The whole Tayninh Agency staff includes 70 members but, according to Lieutenant Phuoc, most of the personnel are still quartered at the Province Chief-Town Headquarters because security is not as yet assured in the outposts. The Chief activity of the Agency presently centers around the investigation into Cao-Dai affairs.

Lieutenant Phuoc stated in substance that his work is being hampered by:

(A) The lack of transportation means because the Agency has available, only one Land-Rover for a total staff of 70 to cover one main office and 3 sub-stations. Lieutenant Phuoc has formulated in March 1957, a request of the Central VBI in Saigon for 3 additional vehicles but no action is as yet taken on his request.

(B) Lieutenant Phuoc did not state officially but made allusion to the fact that he is presently unable to take drastic action against the Cao-Dai dignitaries because of the soft policy being applied by the National Government in the reorientation of Caodais, while Lieutenant Phuoc has evidence

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