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Current Estimate of Land Available for Transfer Under Ordinance No. 57.

Tabulated in Table 1 is the total area as of February 8, declared by Vietnamese citizens as available for transfer to tenants under the terms of Ordinance No. 57. The total includes only areas declared at the Saigon office; declarations filed at the provincial offices have not yet been transmitted to Saigon. The deadline for filing has been extended from January 31 to February 28. The total in Table 1 does not include French-owned lands.

Table 1. Land available for transfer according to Vietnamese declarations filed through February 8, 1957.

Region	Number of landlord declarations filed	Total Area Available for transfer (ha.)
South Viet Nam	829	391,430
Central Viet Nam	5	753
	Total	392,183

Source: Vietnamese Cadastral Service

The Cadastral Service estimates that provincial declarations not yet transmitted to Saigon will total about 20 percent of the area recorded to date, or about 70,000 hectares. The best French estimate available to this Mission at this time is 180,000 hectares available for transfer should current negotiations be brought to a successful conclusion. The best estimate of total area which will be available for transfer under Ordinance No. 57 is tabulated in Table 2.

The total area available for transfer estimated at 642,000 hectares should be compared with the Mission estimate of 570,000 hectares and the initial Department of Agrarian Reform estimate of 817,600 hectares.

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Table 2. Estimate of Total Land Available for Transfer Under Terms of Ordinance No. 57.

Source of Estimate	Total Area Available for Transfer (ha.)
Vietnamese landowner declarations filed as of February 8 (from Table 1.).	392,183
Cadastral Service estimate of landlord declara- tions not yet filed or transmitted to Saigon	70,000
Estimate of French-owned land to be made avail- able for transfer	<u>180,000</u>
Total	642,183

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