

General situation in the district on the arrival of the Civic Action group - November 24th 1955 at 8.00 a.m.

A/ Contact with District chief (Mr. Tran van Minh recently graduated from the national Administration Institute)

1.- Attitude of district chief after hearing the purpose of the civic action : warmly, wellcomes the civic action group, and seems to be very sympathetising with its activities.

2.- Suggestions of District Chief:

The District chief wishes the civic action group would stay operating permanently in the District.

3.- District chief promises :

a/ to provide the civic action group with necessary means to carry on its tasks.

b/ to participate in the civic action work program.

B/ District situation

Number of villaged.

- 1/ Binh Dong
- 2/ Binh Thanh Tay
- 3/ Tan Thach Trung
- 4/ Dinh Yen
- 5/ Tan Binh

I.- Village of Binh Dong :

a/ Administrative situation

Population: { Men : 2640
Women : 2768
Children: 1540
6948

Council of Village { - 5 councilors
- State of the council : the councilors are all middle-aged and doing fine job.

b/ Political situation

- Religion and political party: Hoa Hao , Cao Dai , Phat Giao; democratic and social party, Viet Nam Phuc Quoc Hoi, Indochina communist party

- Adverse activities : Underground activities among the people;
Organization of resistance zone (Hoa Hao in Dinh Yen , communist in Tan Thach Trung, Cao Dai in Binh Dong)

- the people attitude : Undecided

- Security : Not very peaceful. Banditry in night time.

c/ Economical situation

- Agriculture : 1074 mau (1 mau : nearly one thirds a hectare) of cultivated rice-field,

- Handicraft, rice-mills.

2/ Village of Binh Thanh Tay
a/ Administrative situation.-

Population	{	Men	2164
		Women	3147
	{	<u>2360 Children</u>	
		7671	

Council of village : 5 councilors

b/ Political situation .- Agriculture Religion : Catholics, Bouddhist
Hoa Hao , Cao Dai

Political party : Dan Chu , Xa hoi Viet Nam (Hoa Hao)
Viet Nam Quang Phuc Hoi , Indochina communist party.

Adverse activities : Underground organization among the people.

Resistance zone: Hoa Hao in Dinh Yen

Communist in Tan Thach Trung

Caodaiist in Binh Dong.

c/ Economical situation.- Agriculture : 1543 mau of cultivated rice-
field

Handicraft : This village is noted for its mat-making which had
won the encouragement reward from the Marseille Fair ; but that ha
had been stopped since the war.

Other villages near the same.

Observations of the team.

I.- District chief : Young , dynamic.

II.- Village councils : They did not make up their mind as to what side
to follow (National government and Viet Cong) .

III;- Local situation

a/ Political : Village of Tan Thanh Trung : Entirely communist
Village of Tan Binh: 1/3 under the control of
Viet Cong.

Village of Dinh Yen: Hoa Hao are very active in
this area; a certain number of them, however
had surrendered to the national government and
led a peaceful life in the national area now.

Village of Binh Dong: Caodaist activity going
on

Village of Binh Thanh Tay: 2 catholic churches.

General political observation.

Members of above parties are scattered among the people.

Economical observations

Standard of living is relatively fair. Security: not very peaceful;
frequent banditry in night-time .

Proposal of the group.

1/ Garde civile and self defense posts should be established in village
hamlets , to assure the people security.

2/ Establishment of medical station, maternity, primary school.

3/ Regular allowances for the local cadres.

4/ To provide the civic action ~~with~~ group with

a/ Medecines (each group is to be provided with a medical box
with complete equipment)

b/ Chalk, boodtext to be distributed to the needy students

c/ Flags.

Distribution

The commissioner general
for Civic Action.

Binh Dong , November 27th, 1955

Chief of group

Le-Thanh-Nghi

List of services established in the above villages

	Information and Propaganda		Medical assistance and social action			Popular education			Security and order		Various Organizations
	Information hall	Number of cadres	Medical station	Maternity hospital	Number of cadres	Primary schools	Popular education	Cadres	Garde Civile	Self-defense	Unions
1/ Village of Binh-Dong	1	1	1	1	3	1	0	11	1	0	under organizations
2/ " Binh-thanh-Tây	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	7	1	0	
3/ " Tân-thanh-Trung	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
4/ " Định-yên	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	9	0	0	
5/ " Tân-binh	1	1	1	0	2	2	1	5	0	0	

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY

---Team 18---

Report on the Activity of the Team 18 at
Bên-Tre province, Châu-Thành district,
Luong-Hoà village.

General view: Relation with the Provincial Information Service to get the Documents, decorations of the Information house.

Health and Social: In the present time: Lack of medicine-chest, so, a little number of medicaments given by the Provincial Health Service was distributed to the inhabitants in the village.

Popular Education: has been organized: 1 class for the young people
1 class for the children
a number of popular education documents given by the Provincial Education Service was distributed to the pupils.

Organization: The team has organized a great meeting of Youth on 10-11-1955 to vote for the new Executive Committee of village. The Province Chief and all Technical Services assisted in this meeting.

Security: The Civil Guard of Luong-Hoà village did not bring the security to the inhabitants, and the ennemy is in full swing.

Two Vietnamese Communists are arrested by the team and the local cadres.

Influence over the inhabitant in the village: All inhabitants are very fond of team.

Observation about the village Committee: The village Committee fails in its duty, the Administration in the village is not expended.

General observation about the team performances:

Achievement: The team has much sympathy with the inhabitant, and good relations with the District and Provincial Administration.

Shortcoming: Lack of work plan.

Therefore the team must change the method of work.

Proposals: Deliverance of Certificate for the cadres of Fifth promotion and medical chest for the team.

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Province of Thu dau Mot
District of Chau Thanh
contact and preparation of contact with
the council of Tan Khanh commune
on date November 20th 1955

I.- Exposition of civic action works.

-Reaction of the communal council

Because this commune is recently established, the communal council greet warmly the civic action team. The presence of the civic action team makes the council confident and enthusiastic notably during the beginning situation.

II.- Preparation for the coming of the civic action team

- Lodging and boarding : the people of this commune is poor so that the standard of living is low.

- Security : Ten days ago there was several lootings. For preventing from disorder, the team is in touch with a post of civil guard which billets near the headquarter of the civic action.

III.- Preparation for the work :

- There are five principal works , but one only to be carried out : security work, because this commune is recently established and the civil guard is performing its duty there.

- The popular premises had been constructed, but the information hall and infirmary are not yet built, the team is mobilizing the people to build them.

Local cadres

- The team had been exposing clearly this problem of cadre to the communal council.

- the communal council had been communicated and it had been promising that it will introduce available cadres for to be trained by the team

Mobilization of mass

The communal council coordinates strictly with the team for mobilizing the people to carry out all works.

Date of the coming of the civic action team:

November 25th ,1955

Date projected for the introduction of the team
to the people :

December 2nd , 1955

To:

- The commissioner of Civic Action
- Archives

Phu Cuong , November 24th , 1955

Chief of team 8

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Contact and preparation.

I.- Contact with the Administrative Committee (A.C.) II/II/1955

Village of Duong Diem (Canton of Thuan Binh)

A.- Introduction and explanation.

No reaction , approbation of the Chief.

B.- Lodging an boarding: sufficient, good.

Security: good.

C.- Preparation to mission.

Social health: had already a medical care station since September 23th 1955

Order and Security : Good.

Information, popular education : Nothing.

We act in collaboration with the A.C. to prepare to these organizations.

D.- Investigation

There are 6 hamlets in the village.

1/ Hamlet of Nam

2/Dong

3/Trung

4/Tay

5/Hung

6/Bac.

In the two hamlets Hung and Bac which stand near by the channel of Nguyen van Tiep (Dong Thap Muoi) , there are many dificuties for our mission because in which there are active communist.

Population : About more than 3000

E.- Religions : Bouddhist branch Tinh Do is the most numerous.

Caodaiist and Catholics : few

Composition of the A.C.

I President deputy

I Secretary general

I police agent.

One must pluralize the functions because of lack of members.

Date of our arrival : 10/II/1955

Date of the showing ourselves to the population (villagers)
20/II/1955

Duong Diem Novamber IIth 1955

Team Chief

Nguyen van Phuoc.

NR. 41/Cdv/14

Minutes of the transfer of the village self-defense to the village authorities on the 4th day of November 1955, at 3 p.m. in the communal house of Thuận-Thành.

I undersigned, Hoàng Đại, cadre in charge of order maintenance hereby transferred to Mr. Phạm-văn-Nam, Commissioner for Police of Thuận-Thành village, the command of twelve self-defense groups set up by the council of village.

The duties of the self-defense are:

- 1) Backing the policy of the Ngô-đình-Diệm Government.
- 2) To prevent and stop the propaganda, subversive activities of adverse elements.
- 3) To punish severely the elements serving the Communists which seek to trouble the public security.

On receipt of this command transfer, Mr. Nam as well as the council of village, will be thoroughly responsible for the supervision, command, of the self-defense groups, especially the group weekly activities to assure its forever stabilization.

Distribution:

- 1/ Council of Thuận-thành village
- 2/ Group 14
- 3/ Chief of province of Cholon
- 4/ Commissariat for Civic Action

Transferer
Cadre in charge of order
maintenance

Receiver
Representative of the Thuận-Thành
Council of village
Commissioner for Police

Signature

Signature

(A)

Report
to the Director of Cabinet of the
Commissioner for Civic Action

On the 3rd of November, 1955 our group, in collaboration with the district chief, held meetings throughout the district, explaining to the people not to lend their ear to Việt-Cộng propaganda to stage manifestation against the national government as the village of Xa-lộc did and at the same time, to launch the Communists denunciation campaign.

Result:

In Truong binh, Thuân thành villages: a large number of people came, but there is a lack of coordination between the district Civic Action cadres and village ones. The village cadres did not seem to be familiar with their tasks.

In Long an village the result is quite satisfactory. We have succeeded in having to former Communist cadres talked about the crimes committed by the Communists. The people is very hateful against the Communists. They did not leave the meeting, in spite of the scorching sun, until it was over.

We attached here a statement of the two above cadres.

Long-An, November 3, 1955
Chief of Group 14
Đình-khắc-Tính.