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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON VIETNAMESE POLICE OFFICIALS

LE VAN BAY: Mr. Bay is Commissioner of Precinct # 2 in Saigon. In this position he has 500 policemen under his jurisdiction. Saigon, a city of 2,000,000, has a police department of seven precincts, a headquarters and 6,000 men. He is deeply interested in records and of course, administration of a municipal department. He was formerly Chief of Bien Hoa Province. He does speak a little English but understands written English better than spoken English.

NGUYEN VAN HUONG: Mr. Huong speaks, reads, writes and understands English very well. At the present time he is Director of the National Police Academy which position he has held since the Academy was organized some three years ago. Mr. Huong was formerly Chief of Municipal Police and Director of the National Police in North Vietnam before this area fell to the Communists. He is very studious and has read a great deal on the subject of law enforcement. He is definitely a professional policeman and will undoubtedly remain in law enforcement.

MAJOR LAM QUANG PHONG: Major Phong is a Commander of the Camau Brigade in the Civil Guard, an organization similar to the National Guard in the Philippines. His unit of 800 men is active in combating guerrilla activities in keeping with its role of protector of citizens' life and property and state property and the safety of high officials. He is among the most decorated civil guard officers and has escaped 13 assassination attempts. Major Phong does speak, read and write some English. He was formerly District Chief of Bien Giang Province.

VUONG VAN VE: Mr. Vuong Van Ve is Chief of Criminal Investigation. In this position he is responsible for collecting, analyzing judicial records of criminal activity and publishing crime conditions and reporting these to Departments of Interior and Justice. In addition he assists the Director of the National Police School in studying, analyzing, and planning an adequate program. In this school members of police and security forces are given specialized training and short courses. He speaks very little English.

NGUYEN CONG CHANH: Mr. Chanh is Director of The Crime Laboratory. He has been in laboratory work for over 6 years. He will remain in the U. S. for six months studying laboratory techniques.

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Mr. Tu speaks very little English, understands some, but is able to read and understand printed material. For this reason he is familiar with most modern-police equipment and the purpose for which it is designed. However, he would not normally be familiar with its installation, operation or the techniques employed in its use. Mr. Tu is the most prominent police leader in his country and is continually assisting other departments throughout his country in organizing training and development. He is quick to grasp new ideas and has the ability to reshape them for use in his department.

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As you know, this country was for 80 years a colony of France. All their administrative services and thinking are French rather than Anglo-Saxon. They do not understand our form of police organization, the delimitation of responsibilities of various enforcement agencies, the rights of a citizen to speed trial, and the limitation which are placed on law enforcement officers in a democracy.

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