

SIVE SUPPORT AMONG LABOR AS UNION LEADER LIKE BUU, THEY COULD NEVERTHE-
LESS WITH COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROBABLY STIR UP SOME
SUPPORT FOR DEMONSTRATION.

4. STUDENTS. PREVIOUSLY RELATIVELY INERT, LACKING ORGANIZATION AND
ANY OPPOSITION PARTY FOCUS SUCH AS EXISTED IN KORE AND TURKEY, AND
LIVING IN SCATTERED FASHION RATHER THAN ON CAMPUS, STUDENTS HAVE NEVERTHE-
LESS WITHIN PAST FEW WEEKS BEGUN SHOW POLITICAL DERMENT. THIS PROBABLY
STIMULATED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND PERHAPS EVEN, IN COUNTER
PRODUCTIVE SENSE, BY INTERVENING GVN EFFORTS AT POLITICAL STERILIZATION
OF STUDENTS. WHILE NO REASON AT THIS STAGE BELIEVE STUDENTS WOULD INITIATE
DEMONSTRATION, PROBABILITY GROWING THAT THEY WOULD JOINT ONE LED BY
OPPOSITIONISTS EITHER WITHIN OR OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT. GVN SECURITY OFFICIALS
ARE CONCERNED OVER GROWING INFLUENCE OF OPPOSITIONIST AND VC PROPAGANDA
AS WELL AS ESTABLISHMENT OF VC CELLS AMONG LYCEE STUDENTS.

5. CATHOLIC REFUGEES. DISSATISFACTION WITH REGIME APPARENTLY EXISTS
AMONG SOME CATHOLICS, WHO REPRESENT GREAT BULK OF THE REFUGEES. PARADOXICALLY,
SOME OF THIS STEMS FROM WHAT THEY FEEL IS TOO HEAVILY CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP
OF REGIME (WITH POTENTIAL REACTION TO FOLLOW) AND SOME TO REGIME'S FAILURE
TO BRING CATHOLICS PARTICULAR BENEFITS (E.G. SCHOOLS). SOME OF HIERARCHY
ALSO HAS STRONG FRENCH BACKGROUND. CERTAIN ELEMENTS HAVE SPOKEN OF
NECESSITY AVOID COMMUNIST TAKEOVER BY CHANGING REGIME AND THERE IS EVIDENCE
OF CATHOLIC REFUGEES HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN ABORTIVE AUG 19 DEMONSTRATION
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6. OPPOSITION GROUPS AND SECTS. WHILE SOME STIRRINGS ARE SEEN AMONG
OPPOSITIONGROUPS, SUCH AS THE DAI VIETS, VNQD, AND DAN CHU, THESE GROUPS
ARE NOT EXPECTED TO DISPLAY SUBSTANTIAL ORGANIZED STRENGTH AND MORE LIKELY
WILL CONTINUE TO APPEAR ONLY AMONG INTELLECTUAL CLASS. THEY DO, HOWEVER,
ARTICULATE THE DISSATISFACTION EXISTING IN OTHER CLASSES. SECTS HAVE
GIVEN NO SUBSTANTIAL SIGNS OF REVIVAL OF FORCE EITHER IN SAIGON OR ELSE-
WHERE.

7. POLICE. OF OBVIOUS IMPORTANCE IS STRENGTH AND RELIABILITY LOCAL
POLICE AND OTHER FORCES WHICH COULD BE MUSTERED TO MEET DEMONSTRATION.
METROPOLITAN POLICE NUMBER APPROXIMATELY 5,760 BACKED BY APPROXIMATELY
3,000 MEMBERS OF NATIONAL POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICE UNDER DIRECT CONTROL
OF GENERAL NGUYEN VAN LA. OFFICIAL OF NPSS HAS COMMENTED TO CAS THAT
POLICE WOULD BE LOYAL TO GOVERNMENT AND ACT AGAINST ANY TYPE OF DEMONSTRATION.
OPERATING PRINCIPLES IN GVN'S ANTI-RIOT TACTIC IS TO SMOTHER DEMONSTRATION
BEFORE IT CAN GAIN MOMENTUM, AND WHILE INSTIGATORS CAN STILL BE DETERMINED
AND ARRESTED. FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE ARE SEVERAL HUNDRED SURETE PERSONNEL
MINGLING IN CROWDS AND REPORTINGPOSSIBLE TROUBLE. THESE ARE BACKED UP
BY UNIFORMED POLICE DEPARTMENT RIOT SQUAD, CONSISTING OF 200 PERSONNEL
PLUS 10-15 MAN COMMAND SECTION. THE 200 PERSONNEL ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE
PLATOONS, ONE OF WHICH IS ON DUTY (AND ANOTHER ON STANDBY) AT ANY GIVEN
TIME. PLATOON (3) ON DUTY SLEEPS DRESSED AND IS PREPARED TO ANSWER A
CALL WITHIN TWO MINUTES, PLUS AN ESTIMATED TEN MINUTES TO ARRIVE AT SCENE
OF DISTRESS. MEN ARE PRACTICED IN 16 FORMATIONS FOR BREAKING UP A MOB.
THE 200 MAN UNIT IS EQUIPPED WITH TRANSPORTATION, RADIO COMMUNICATIONS,
VARIOUS SUBMACHINE AND RIOT GUNS, TEAR GAS AND OTHER ANTI-RIOT MATERIAL,
AND CAN CALL UPON FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR ABOUT 35 WATER TRUCKS WITH HOSES
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