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renewed emphasis with these officials on the necessity of winning the confidence of the people and explaining to them the reasons for the government's programs. He has also indicated that he has ordered a slow-down in the construction of agrovilles, apparently in recognition of the indications that the people were being driven too hard to carry out this new program.

The Embassy's views on these countermeasures of the GVN as well as on certain other actions which should be taken have been expressed in a separate despatch. As the situation develops, the Embassy expects to make additional recommendations.

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