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COUNTRY: SOUTH VIETNAM REPORT NO. C TDCS DB-3/655,517

SUBJECT: COUP D'ETAT PLAN OF NGO DINH NHU ON THE DATE DISTR: 12 JULY 1963

PRECEDENCE/PRIORITY: MEDIUM

DATE OF INFO: 11-12 JULY 1963 REFERENCES: 78592

PLACE &amp; DATE ACQ: VIETNAM, SAIGON (12 JULY 1963)

APPRAISAL: SEE BELOW

FIELD REPORT NO. FVS 9305

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SOURCE: A GENERAL OFFICER (B) WHO EITHER ATTENDED THE MEETING OR WHO ACQUIRED THE INFORMATION FROM AN OFFICER WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING.

APPRAISAL: NGO DINH NHU IS PROBABLY PLANNING A COUP; HOWEVER, THE TIMING OF THE COUP ATTEMPT AND THE GENERALS WHO ARE SPECIFICALLY INVOLVED ARE UNKNOWN.

ON A CHANCE FOR SUCCESS, THE VIETNAM GOVT WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO REVERSE

DECISION SUMMARY: NGO DINH NHU PROPOSED TO ARMY GENERAL OFFICERS

ON 11 JULY 1963 THAT THEY STAGE A COUP D'ETAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

POSSIBLY THIS COUP MUST BE STAGED OVERNIGHT AND THE ARMY SHOULD

SHOULD TURN OVER CONTROL TO CIVILIANSE ON THE NEXT DAY.

NGO DINH NHU IS A GROUP OF GENERAL OFFICERS CONVINCED

JULY 1963 THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING NO PROGRESS IN THE WAR

AGAINST THE VC CONG OR IN OTHER PROGRAMS AND THAT THE GENERAL

OFFICERS MUST PROVIDE THE ACTION REQUIRED. THE GENERAL OFFICERS

HAVE BEEN CONTINUALLY HUMILIATED IN THE EYES OF THE PEOPLE AND IN

ORDER TO REGAIN POPULAR RESPECT THEY MUST ENGINEER A COUP D'ETAT.

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