

## TELEGRAM INFORMATION REPORT TELEGRAM

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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM REPORT NO. TDCS-3/562,014

SUBJECT RECOMMENDATION BY CABINET OFFICERS THAT NHU BE MADE PRIME MINISTER DATE DISTR. 15 OCTOBER 1963

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

DATE OF INFO. EARLY OCTOBER 1963 REFERENCES IN 39851

PLACE & DATE ACQ. VIETNAM, SAIGON (8 OCTOBER 1963)

APPRAISAL SEE BELOW FIELD REPORT NO. FVS-9764

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SOURCE A WESTERN BUSINESSMAN (B) WITH GOOD CONTACTS IN VIETNAMESE POLITICAL CIRCLES, FROM CUONG.

APPRAISAL: THE CABINET OFFICERS MAY HAVE MADE SUCH A RECOMMENDATION.

1. SUMMARY. ON 8 OCTOBER 1963 NGUYEN HOANG CUONG, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, SAID THAT ON 5 OCTOBER VICE PRESIDENT NGUYEN NGOC THO TOLD HIM THAT AT A MEETING OF CABINET OFFICERS IN EARLY OCTOBER IT WAS DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO PRESIDENT DIEM THAT NGO DINH NHU BE APPOINTED PRIME MINISTER. CUONG SAID THAT THIS PROPOSAL WOULD REQUIRE A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD BE VOTED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

2. ON 5 OCTOBER VICE PRESIDENT THO TOLD CUONG THAT IN EARLY OCTOBER HE HAD CALLED A MEETING OF ALL CABINET MEMBERS TO

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