

TELEGRAM INFORMATION REPORT TELEGRAM**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY***Vietnam*

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CLASSIFICATION — DISSEMINATION CONTROLS**C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L****NO FOREIGN DISSEM****COUNTRY** SOUTH VIETNAM**REPORT NO.** TDCS -3/541,020**SUBJECT** THE SEEKING OF AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR
THE OVERTHROW OF THE DIEM REGIME**DATE DISTR.** 20 MARCH 1963**PRECEDENCE** ROUTINE**DATE OF INFO.** MID-MARCH 1963**REFERENCES** IN 89614**PLACE & DATE ACQ.** VIETNAM, SAIGON (14 MARCH 1963)**APPRAISAL** SEE BELOW**FIELD REPORT NO.** FVS-8662**THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION. SOURCE GRADINGS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.****SOURCE** **A HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL (C), WITH EXTENSIVE CONTACTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.**

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1. AMERICAN AID IS ESSENTIAL TO AN OVERTHROW OF THE DIEM REGIME, ACCORDING TO THE STATEMENTS MADE BY TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF A COMMITTEE OF NATIONALIST ANTI-COMMUNIST POLITICAL OPPOSITIONISTS IN MID-MARCH 1963, IN THE PRESENCE OF AN OFFICIAL OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY SERVICE (SEPES), WHO MAY ALSO BE A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE IS ENGAGED IN A STUDY OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND MAKING PLANS FOR ITS IMPROVEMENT. ALTHOUGH SEPES' CHIEF TRAN KIM TUYEN IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, BECAUSE OF HIS POSITION, HE HAS PROVIDED CERTAIN SUPPORT FROM TIME TO TIME.

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