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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM REPORT NO. TDCS-3/560,871
 SUBJECT PLANNED SUICIDE OF AMBASSADOR DATE DISTR. 4 OCTOBER 1963
 BUU HOI'S MOTHER, DIEU HUE PRECEDENCE PRIORITY
 DATE OF INFO. 3 OCTOBER 1963 REFERENCES IN 32958
 PLACE & DATE ACQ. VIETNAM, SAIGON (3 OCTOBER 1963)
 APPRAISAL SEE BELOW FIELD REPORT NO. FVS 9731

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SOURCE **A VIETNAMESE BUSINESSMAN (F) WITH GOOD CONTACTS AMONG BUDDHISTS.**

APPR: EARLIER ALLEGED INTENTIONS OF DIEU HUE TO COMMIT SUICIDE IN SUPPORT OF THE BUDDHIST CAUSE WERE WIDELY PUBLICIZED. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SHE MIGHT DO SO.

1. BY 3 OCTOBER 1963 THE BUDDHIST NUN, DIEU HUE, MOTHER OF BUU HOI, VIETNAMESE SCIENTIST, AMBASSADOR TO SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND CURRENTLY THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) OBSERVER AT THE UNITED NATIONS (UN), AD DECIDED TO COMMIT SUICIDE, PROBABLY ON 5 OCTOBER. THREAT WAS TIMED FOR IMPACT ON THE UN BUT WAS NOT TO BE BY BURNING.

2. DIEU HUE HAD PREPARED A LETTER DENOUNCING HER SON AND CLAIMING THAT BUDDHISM WAS STILL BEING PERSECUTED IN VIETNAM, COPIES OF WHICH WERE TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FOREIGN PRESS AND TO THE "CLANDESTINE" OPPOSITION BY HER COMPANION AND ATTENDANT, A

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