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TO COMMISSION ON THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SITUATION IN VIETNAM  
1. OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPLOITATION OF NEW MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL  
POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICES (COLONEL NGUYEN VAN Y VICE GENERAL  
NGUYEN VAN LA) GRAB INTO TWO GENERAL FIELDS, INTELLIGENCE AND  
NATIONAL POLICE. BOTH CAS AND USOM HAVE FOR CONSIDERABLE TIME

BEEN STYMIED BUT WITH CHANGE BELIEVE REAL PROGRESS CAN BE  
MADE. THIS WILL REQUIRE WORKING OUT OF DETAILED PROGRAMS FOR  
ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING, ETC., AND ADDITIONAL U.S.  
PERSONNEL FOR NECESSARY ELATION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT.  
2. CAS HAS ALREADY PROPOSED TO ITS HEADQUARTERS DEVELOPMENT OF  
NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY PENETRATION SERVICE, TO SERVE AS  
"SPECIAL BRANCH" OF SURETE, WHOSE CHARTER AT PRESENT COVERS  
BOTH SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND ORDINARY INVESTIGATIONS.  
THIS "SPECIAL BRANCH" WOULD HAVE REPRESENTATIVES AT PROVINCE  
LEVELS AND BE MANAGED THROUGH REGIONAL DIRECTORATES. AT EACH  
REGIONAL DIRECTORATE, CAS WOULD PROPOSE ASSIGN AT LEAST ONE  
CAS OFFICER TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON AND COLLABORATION.  
CONCERT WOULD BE FULL INTEGRATION HIS EFFORT INTO VIETNAMESE  
EFFORT. THIS WOULD REQUIRE FOLLOWING CAS COMMITMENT:

A. CAS OFFICERS FOR DIRECTORATES AT HUE, NHA TRANG, BAN ME  
THUOT, BIEN HOA, SAIGON/CHOLON, AND CAN THO, AS WELL AS ALREADY

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EXISTING PERSONNEL FOR LIAISON AT NATIONAL LEVEL. PERSONNEL WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY NECESSARY INTERPRETERS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

B. PROVISION OF INTELLIGENCE AND COMMUNIST PARTY PENETRATION TRAINING TO VIETNAMESE OFFICER PERSONNEL OF NEW SPECIAL BRANCH, TAKEN FROM EXPERIENCED SURETE OFFICERS.

C. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO GIVE PROVINCIAL SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICERS FUNDS TO OPERATE AGENT NETWORKS IN PROVINCES. EXACT SUM NOT YET DETERMINED BUT WILL BE SEEN TO BE SUBSTANTIAL BY MULTIPLYING NUMBER OF PROVINCES (38) BY REASONABLE MONTHLY SUM FOR EACH PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO ENABLE HIM HIRE AGENTS AND PAY OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES.

3. USOM EQUALLY DETERMINED PROSECUTE POTENTIAL FOR GREATER COLLABORATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL POLICE STRUCTURE WITH REGULAR (INVEST) GATORY FUNCTIONS OF SURETE, TO PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM ON EFFECTIVE NATIONAL BASIS TO BOLSTER GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY THROUGHOUT COUNTRY, AND THUS CONTRIBUTE TO CONTRIBUTION CRIME-- DISORDER, OVERT COMMUNIST ACTION, ETC. THIS WOULD COMPRISE OVER-ALL DEVELOPMENT USOM POLICE, SURETE AND RELATED INTERNAL SECURITY SERVICES TO INCLUDE:

A. CONSOLIDATION OF CIVIL POLICE FUNCTIONS UNDER THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERIOR.

B. A DELINEATION OF FUNCTIONS AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE SEPARATE ELEMENTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES.

C. THE ADOPTION OF A REALISTIC TRAINING PROGRAM, GEARED TO AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM OF COMMODITY PROCUREMENT.

D. THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE. USOM ENVISIONS DEVELOPMENT BASED UPON MUTUAL AGREEMENT AND UPON RECIPIENTS'S ABILITY TO ABSORB INTRODUCTION OF NEW CONCEPTS.

4. THIS BEING MADE TASK FORCE MATTER DUE MY CONVICTION IT IS SUBSTANTIAL WE MOVE FORWARD IN BOTH ABOVE FIELDS TO MAXIMUM DEGREE POSSIBLE, TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF WHAT APPARENTLY

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