

## TELEGRAM INFORMATION REPORT TELEGRAM

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## CLASSIFICATION — DISSEMINATION CONTROLS

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NOFORN/CONTINUED CONTROL

COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM — DUNCAN REPORT NO. TDCS -3/513,973  
 SUBJECT VIEWS OF COLONEL TON THAT XUNG HUYTEN DATE DISTR. 15 JUNE 1962  
 POSSIBILITY OF A COUP D'ETAT PETERSEN  
 — SCHLESINGER PRECEDENCE ROUTINE  
 DATE OF INFO. ~~RETAIN OR DESTROY~~ REFERENCES **FILE** IN  
 PLACE & DATE ACQ. VIETNAM, SAIGON (3 JUNE 1962) — BELK  
 APPRAISAL SEE BELOW — KOMER FIELD REPORT NO. FVS-7484  
 — RASKIN

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SOURCE **AN AMERICAN OBSERVER (B); FROM COLONEL TON THAT XUNG.**

APPR. IT IS PROBABLY TRUE THAT **XUNG HOLDS THE VIEWS STATED;** HOWEVER, THE CONTENTS OF THE STATEMENTS **ARE CONSIDERED POSSIBLY TRUE.**

1. **COLONEL TON THAT XUNG, COMMANDER OF THE RANGER COMMAND, DURING A 3 JUNE 1962 LUNCHEON MEETING WITH TON THAT CHU, CHIEF OF PLEIKU PROVINCE, SAID THAT THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM WERE GETTING TIRED OF THE PRESENT SITUATION AND THAT SOME ACTION WAS GOING TO BE TAKEN TO CHANGE IT. THIS TIME, HOWEVER, THE PLANS WERE NOT GOING TO BE COMMUNICATED TO THE AMERICANS BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES, A BASICALLY LAW-ABIDING NATION, IS OPPOSED TO UNLAWFUL ACTS. SINCE A COUP D'ETAT IS CONSIDERED BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO BE AN UNLAWFUL PROCESS, THE US IS FORCED TO DISCOURAGE SUCH ACTIONS, AND THEREFORE, THE AMERICANS WILL NOT BE NOTIFIED OF ANY FUTURE ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF THE VIETNAMESE TO UPSET THE CURRENT REGIME UNTIL THE ACTION IS ACCOMPLISHED.**

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