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REPORT NO. TDCS DB-3/656, 739

SUBJECT

GENERAL NGUYEN KHANH PLANS TO MAKE HIS

DATE DISTR. 19 SEPTEMBER 1963

FINAL DECISION SOON ON ANY ACTION AGAINST THE DIEM REGIME

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

DATE OF

15 - 16 SEPTEMBER 1963

REFERENCES

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FIELD REPORT NO. IVS _- 9660

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SOURCE A COMPANY-GRADE OFFICER (F) ON THE STAFF OF CENERAL NGUYEN KHANH.

APPR KHANH MAY STILL BE THINKING ABOUT ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTION, BUT WITHOUT ASSURANCES

FROM THE UNITED STATES OF SUPPORT, HE WILL PROBABLY NOT INITIATE ANY ACTION.

NEVERTHELESS, THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS MOUNTING A COUP D'ETAT CANNOT BE COMPLETELY

DISCOUNTED SINCE AN INDIVIDUAL CONNECTED WITH THE TRAN KIM TUYEN COUP GROUP HAS

SAID THAT KHANH MIGHT TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE DIEM GOVERNMENT, AND SINCE KHANH'S

NAME HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS ONE OF A NUMBER OF ALLEGEDLY DISSIDENT GENERALS.

ON 15 SEPTEMBER 1963 BRIGADIER GENERAL NGUYEN KHANH, II

CORPS COMMANDER, SAID THAT HE WOULD DECIDE IN A DAY OR TWO
WHETHER OR NOT TO PROCEED WITH PLANNING ACTION AGAINST THE DIEM

REGIME. (FIELD COMMENT. SEE FVS-9634, TDCSDB-3/656,637, FOR PREVIOUS
REPORT ON KHANH'S PLANNING.) HE REMARKED THAT IF HIS DECISION WERE

NEGATIVE, HE WOULD CEASE ALL PLANNING AND NOT REVIVE THE PROJECT. ON 16
SEPTEMBER KHANH SAID THAT HE HAD CHANGED HIS MIND AND WOULD MULL

OVER THE SITUATION FOR ANOTHER WEEK BEFORE GIVING HIS FINAL

DECISION. KHANH PLANNED TO RETURN TO THE 11 CORPS AREA ON 18

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