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REVEALING THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT WILL DISRUPT THE

2. DONOR POSSESSED KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXISTENCE OF OTHER GROUPS

LOW RISK

[REDACTED] REVEALS EXISTENCE THAT THERE

WAS A MILITARY PLAN FOR AN OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT
EXCEPT FOR ONE OR TWO GENERAL OFFICERS, ALL WERE IN AGREEMENT.
THE PLAN CONSISTS OF A MILITARY RULER ADVISED BY A COMMITTEE OF
THREE. THE NOMINAL LEADER WOULD BE UNABLE TO TAKE ANY ACTION
WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE.

2. [REDACTED]

THESE SUBJECTS WERE NOT KNOWN TO VCL IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF

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3. [REDACTED] THAT THE REASON FOR THE MILITARY TAKEOVER WAS

THAT PRESIDENT DIEM HAD FAILED TO ACT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF VIETNAM ON THE OCCASION OF THE 8 MAY BUDDHIST INCIDENT IN HUE.

THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE ADMITTED ITS MISTAKE AND MADE AMENDS TO THE PEOPLE INVOLVED; THE GOVERNMENT UNFORTUNATELY FAILED

TO DO THIS AND PERMITTED THE INCIDENT TO BECOME A NATIONAL ISSUE.

THE MILITARY MUST ACT IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE VIET CONG FROM TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE CONTINUING BUDDHIST PROBLEM.

4. [REDACTED] THAT THE ENTIRE NGO FAMILY MUST BE ELIMINATED

BUT DID NOT SPECIFY WHETHER THEY WOULD BE KILLED OR MERELY EXILED

FROM VIETNAM.

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED] ONE PROBLEM INVOLVES THE JUNIOR OFFICERS,

AMONG WHOM THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF DISSATISFACTION, AND ONE OF

THE SEVERAL STAGES OF THE MILITARY PLAN INCLUDES MEANS OF SATISFYING THIS GROUP OF OFFICERS.

7. WHEN THE MILITARY GROUP ASSUMES POWER OVER THE GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IMMEDIATELY AND WILL BE HELD FROM THREE TO SIX MONTHS FOLLOWING THE TAKEOVER OF POWER.

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