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- 2. ON 16 SEPTEMBER 1953 PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON VO VAN HAI'S VIEWS ON THE NGO FAMILY:
- A. THE NGO FAMILY IS A UNIT WITH PRESIDENT DIEM STILL IN CHARGE. DIEM IS PARTICULARLY CONSCIOUS OF FAMILY CONSIDERATIONS AND PROTECTS FAMILY MEMBERS FROM OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE AND CRITICISM.

  FAMILY MEMBERS DIFFER IN OUTLOOK AND MAKE DIFFERENT RECOMMENDATIONS

  CONCERNING A FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION. DIEM, HOWEVER, IS AWARE OF ALL THAT NGO DINH NHU, MADAME NHU, NGO DINH CAN, AND NGO DINH THUC DO.

  NEITHER DIEM NOR NHU BELIEVES THAT CAN HAS MUCH ABILITY, ESPECIALLY IN TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT THEY PUBLICLY SUPPORT CAN.
- B. THE RUMOR THAT DIEM IS ISOLATED AND RECEIVES NO REPORTS IS

  FALSE. DIEM KNOWS ABOUT AND APPROVES OF NHU'S PLANS AND ACTIVITY. NHU

  PROPOSED AND DIEM AGREED TO THE ATTACK ON THE BUDDHIST PAGODAS ON 21

  AUGUST. THE VIETNAMESE GENERALS INVOLVED IN THE PROCLAMATION AND

  IMPLEMENTATION OF MARTIAL LAW DID NOT KNOW IN ADVANCE OF THE HARSH

  MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AGAINST XA LOI PAGODA IN SAIGON. (

  COMMENT. HAI ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD LITTLE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH

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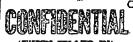
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THE GENERALS AND WAS NOT SURE EXACTLY HOW MUCH THEY KNEW.)

- C. IN HAI'S OPINION DIEM WILL NEVER SUCCUMB TO U.S. PRESSURE TO DISMISS NHU AND MADAME NHU.
- D. DIEM PERSONALLY REPRIMANDED HAI FOR DARING TO CRITICIZE MADAME NHU'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS. MADAME NHU IS AWARE OF HAI'S FEELINGS AND DOES NOT CONCEAL HER DISLIKE OF HIM. NHU ALSO DISLIKES HAI BUT THEY MANAGE TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE PRESIDENCY.
- E. NHU BELIEVES THAT SOUTH VIETNAM CAN OPERATE WITHOUT U.S. AID FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME. NHU ALSO BELIEVES THAT THE YOUTH, PARTICULARLY IN THE RURAL AREAS, SUPPORT HIM AND THAT THE REPUBLICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT IS A STRONG WEAPON. HAI DISAGREES WITH NHU ON ALL COUNTS.
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