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WITH BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE BUDDHISTS CONTINUING TO EXCHANGE CHARGES

OF BAD FAITH. ELEMENTS ON EACH SIDE APPEAR INTENT UPON THE SUBMISSION OF
S. IN 271000 THE BOTTLENECK SITUATION BECOMING WORSE
THE OTHER. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, THE COUP ATMOSPHERE HAS BECOME PER-
SITUATION FOR THE 16 ON 160202Z
CEPTIBLY HEAVIER. DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, COUP GROUPS HAVE FORMED TO
BELIEF THAT IT MAY BE USEFUL TO OTHER AGENCIES IN ASSESSING THE
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE INSTABILITY ATTENDING THE BUDDHIST CRISIS. IT IS NOT
OBSERVATIONAL EVIDENCE THAT THIS COMMENTARY IS DISSEMINATED IN THE
CLEAR AT THIS TIME WHETHER THESE GROUPS INTEND TO AWAIT FURTHER EMOTIONAL
ITS SUBSEQUENT. PREPARED FOR INTERVIEW USE AS A GUIDE TO THE
OUTBURSTS, WHICH WOULD OCCUR IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL BUDDHIST SELF-IMMOLATIONS,
A STATE OFFICER BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO HIM AT THE TIME OF
OR WHETHER THEY ARE NOW PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD AT A TIME OF THEIR CHOOSING,
THEREFORE IT REPRESENTS THE OBSERVATIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS OF
REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE BUDDHISTS DO. BUDDHIST STRATEGY IS POLARIZING
NOT AN OBJECTIVE JUDGMENT BY THIS ORGANIZATION OR VIA COMMENTARY
AROUND THE VIEWS OF THICH TRI QUANG, HEAD OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF
THIS IS A LIVED EXPERIENCE OF THE CURRENT SITUATION. IT IS
VIETNAMESE BUDDHISTS FOR CENTRAL VIETNAM, WHO HAS OPENLY STATED HIS INTENTION
NOT TO CEASE AGITATION UNTIL THE DIEM GOVERNMENT FALLS. THICH TRI QUANG ALSO
HAS INDICATED HIS INTENTION, IF NECESSARY, TO CALL FOR SUICIDE VOLUNTEERS.

AMONG THOSE ALLEGEDLY READY TO VOLUNTEER ARE DIEU HUE, THE MOTHER OF VIETNAM'S

LEADING SCIENTIST AND AMBASSADOR TO THE IVORY COAST, MOROCCO, NIGER AND SENEGAL,

AND HER SISTER, TU DIEU, THE AUNT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) DIRECTOR

OF YOUTH, CAO XUAN VY.

3. THREE COUP GROUPS HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO BE NOW COOPERATING, ONE

HEADED BY LIEUTENANT COLONEL PHAM NGOC THAO, FORMER CHIEF OF KIEN HOA PROVINCE,

AND THEN NGO DINH NHU'S SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR FOR STRATEGIC HAMLETS, ANOTHER

CHARACTERIZED AS THE TRAN KIM TUYEN GROUP, AND A THIRD, PRIMARILY MILITARY, IN

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A SUCCESSFUL COUP WOULD BE A MAJOR BEHAVIOR OF THE ARMY COMPOSITION. LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT THE THAO AND THE MILITARY GROUPS; SOMEWHAT THE THAO GROUP AND THE THAO GROUP HAVE INDEED COMBINED IN A MORE ABOUT THE TUYEN GROUP.

4. TRAN KIM TUYEN HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS AN ORGANIZER, BUT NOT THE LEADER, OF A COUP GROUP WHICH IS SAID TO INCLUDE THE CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF SAIGON, PHAM VAN BINH; SOME BUDDHISTS AND SOME MILITARY SUPPORTERS, INCLUDING MAJOR GENERAL DUONG VAN MINH, MILITARY ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT, AND BRIGADIER GENERAL TON THAT DINH, COMMANDER OF THE III CORPS AREA, WHICH BORDERS ON THE SAIGON METROPOLITAN AREA. TUYEN HAS HAD RECENT CONTACT AND A LONG TIME FRIENDSHIP WITH TWO OF THE BUDDHIST ACTIVISTS, THICH TAM CHAU, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF VIETNAMESE BUDDHISTS, AND THICH THIEN MINH, CHAIRMAN OF THE BUDDHIST INTERSECT COMMITTEE DEALING WITH THE GVN AND HEAD OF THE BUDDHIST STUDENTS OF CENTRAL VIETNAM. MAJOR GENERAL TRAN VAN DON, COMMANDER OF THE ARMY OF VIETNAM, HAS ALSO ADMITTED THAT HE, TOO, IS ALSO INVOLVED IN COUP PLOTTING. DON HAS NO DIRECT COMMAND OF TROOPS, BUT COULD LEND IMPORTANT SUPPORT TO MILITARY MOVES ON THE PART OF GENERAL DINH FROM HIS GENERAL STAFF POSITION. TUYEN HAS REQUESTED THE PREPARATION OF A MANIFESTO FOR "A NEW GOVERNMENT" PLANS ALSO HAVE ALLEGEDLY BEEN MADE BY TUYEN TO TAKE OVER THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL ACTION AND ALL PUBLIC MEDIA AT THE FIRST MOMENT OF A COUP, WHICH WILL NOT BE A MILITARY PUTSCH, BUT A PALACE REVOLUTION INVOLVING THE ASSASSINATION OF NGO DINH NHU AND HIS WIFE AND THE "ELIMINATION" OF PRESIDENT BY LESS FORCEABLE MEANS IF POSSIBLE, BUT BY ASSASSINATION, IF NECESSARY.

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5. THERE IS NO DIRECT EVIDENCE, BUT THE INFERENCE CAN BE DRAWN FROM AVAILABLE REPORTS, THAT THE CHOSEN POLITICAL LEADER OF THE TUYEN GROUP WOULD BE VICE PRESIDENT NGUYEN NGOC THO, WHO WOULD REPRESENT LEGAL SUCCESSION IN THE EVENT OF THE DEMISE OR RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT DIEM. THERE IS NO INTIMATION THAT THO HAS PARTICIPATED IN COUP PLANNING. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS RUMORS THAT THO HAS RESIGNED, AND AN INDIVIDUAL, WHO IS IN A POSITION TO HAVE SUCH ACCESS, HAS CONFIRMED THO'S SUBMISSION OF HIS RESIGNATION. HOWEVER, THUAN ON 4 JULY 1963 CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT THO HAD RESIGNED. ON THE MORNING OF 5 JULY THO CLAIMED THAT HE HAD NOT RESIGNED, ALTHOUGH THO, AT THE SAME TIME, INDICATED HIS DISLIKE FOR POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND HIS PERSONAL UPSET IN BEING INVOLVED IN THE PRESENT BUDDHIST CONTROVERSY. THO IS THE CHIEF OF THE INTERMINISTERIAL COUNCIL WHICH NEGOTIATED WITH THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF BUDDHISTS. HE WAS THE ONLY BUDDHIST MEMBER OF THAT COUNCIL AND HAS BEEN THE OBJECT OF SOME CRITICISM FOR HIS ALLEGED CONCESSIONS TO THE BUDDHISTS, FROM NGO DINH NHU AND MADAME NHU. AS IS SUSPECTED, THE TUYEN GROUP, AND THE THAO GROUP HAVE INDEED COMBINED IN A MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE, THEIR CHANCES OF MAINTAINING UNITY AFTER A SUCCESSFUL COUP WOULD PROBABLY BE POOR BECAUSE OF THE MANY

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PERSONAL ANIMOSITIES THAT WOULD PROBABLY EXIST IN SUCH A GROUP. ALTHOUGH TUYEN HAS STRONG SUPPORT IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, THROUGH SEVERAL PERSONS HE HAS CAREFULLY SEEDS IN THE BUREAUCRACY OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL YEARS. HE IS GENERALLY OPENLY AND ARDENTLY DESPISED BY THE MILITARY WHO WOULD HOLD THE PREDOMINANCE OF POWER IN A POSTCOUP SITUATION. UNLESS THE MILITARY LEADERS OPT FOR THE ILLEGALITIES OF VICE PRESIDENTIAL ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY, A MILITARY LEADER MIGHT ARISE TO SEIZE THE OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN SUCH A SITUATION (PROBABLY) ALSO WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY CONSIDERABLE INSTABILITY AS ONE OF THE GENERALS ATTEMPTED TO ASSERT SUPREMACY. COME ATONG EITHER 12 OF THE TIMING ON POSSIBLE COUP EVENTS IS NOT YET CLEAR. EYES TO ALLEGEDLY, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE OF THE TUYEN GROUP HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COUP TAKE PLACE ANY TIME UP UNTIL 10 JULY; HOWEVER, THE GROUP'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS NOT YET GIVEN ITS CONSENT. OTHERS HAVE LEANED TOWARD 11 OR 17 JULY, THE TRADITIONAL DATE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE DOUBLE 17 WHICH COMMEMORATES PRESIDENTIEM'S FIRST ACCESSION TO POWER IN 1954. ONE INDIVIDUAL INDICATED THE COUP (21 JULY) TIMING) TO BE PRIOR TO THE END OF AUGUST. WE BELIEVE THAT ANY SERIOUS COUP GROUP MAY TRY TO ACT BEFORE THE 31 AUGUST ELECTIONS. WHERE THE LOYALTIES OF THE RANK AND FILE OF THE MILITARY WOULD BE IN A COUP SITUATION ARE HARD TO PREDICT. SOME OF THE AIR

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MCLEVELS: THE PARATROOP BRIGADE IS ALSO SAID TO BE DISAFFECTED AND THE LOYALTIES OF THE NAVY ARE UNCERTAIN, ALTHOUGH IN THE PAST TWO COURSES, THE NAVY COMMANDER, CAPTAIN HO TAN QUYEN, HAS PROVED TO BE A STaunch SUPPORTER OF DIEM. THE ARMORED BRIGADE IS REPORTED THAT VIA REGIONAL ACCESSION IT IS ALSO SPLIT IN OPINION, BECAUSE OF THE BUDDHIST SITUATION, BASED TO MAKE ITS LOYALTIES QUESTIONABLE. RECENTLY, MAJOR GENERAL DUONG IVAN MINH, MILITARY ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT, ADVISED THAT HE IS AFRAID THAT THE BUDDHIST ISSUE WAS DEFINITELY DIVIDING THE LOYALTIES OF THE VIETNAMESE ARMY. VCE VIA LINE NO UNIT TO TONK HOME AREA. THE VICE PRESIDENT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT THE BUDDHIST COMMENDED LEADERSHIP NOW CONSCIOUSLY AT (X)A LOI RAGODA VINH SAIGON AND EAGER TO REPRESENT ITS CASE TO ANYONE WHO HAPPENS TO COME ALONG, EITHER IS UNABLE TO BELIEVE, OR PREFERS NOT TO BELIEVE, THAT THE GVN, AS IT IS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, HAS ANY INTENTION OVER THE LONG RUN OF INVADING UP TO THE LITTON, OR THE SPIRIT OF THE 16 JUNE AGREEMENT. FOR THE MOMENT, THE BUDDHIST COMPLAINTS CENTER, ON ALLEGED CHICANERY CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF ARRESTED PARTICIPANTS IN THE 16TH JUNE RIOT WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED, ALLEGED GVN SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT, IF I MAY SAY SO, THE DISCREDITED CO SON MON SECT, HAND CHARGES, FOR WHICH THE BUDDHISTS CLAIM DOCUMENTARY PROOF, THAT THE GOVERNMENT, OR ELEMENTS THEREOF, HAVE BACKHENDEDLY ENCOURAGED THE REPUBLICAN YOUTH TO QUESTION BOTH WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN TOO GENEROUS IN ITS CON-

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2026 FROM OF EVEN KNOWLEDGE THAT A SOME MIGHT BE SHOWING WILDERED
CESSIONS TO THE BUDDHISTS. THE BUDDHISTS ALSO CLAIM THAT THE GVN
HAS QUIETLY SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES
TO GIVE PRO FORMA LIP SERVICE TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE BUDDHISTS
FOR THE TIME BEING BUT TO READY THEMSELVES FOR FUTURE REPRESSIVE
MEASURES. THE BUDDHIST HIERARCHY ALLEGES THAT EVEN NOW BUDDHIST
MONKS AND NUNS IN THE PROVINCES ARE BEING SUBJECTED TO VARIOUS
RESTRAINTS. TWO WEEKS DEADLINE SET BY THE BUDDHISTS FOR CAN CON-
BE TO IT IS DIFFICULT TO PIN DOWN THESE CHARGES. JUDGED BY
THE REGIME'S PAST PERFORMANCE IN DEALING WITH POLITICAL OPPONENTS,
WHICH IS GENERALLY THE WAY IT VIEWS THE BUDDHIST LEADERSHIP, AND BY
REPORTS FROM OTHERS, THERE IS PROBABLY CONSIDERABLE TRUTH
TO THESE BUDDHIST ASSERTIONS. HOWEVER, THE RELATIVE MERIT OR
TRUTH OF THE BUDDHIST CHARGES IS NOT AS IMPORTANT IN THE PRESENT
CONTEXT AS THE FACT THAT THE BUDDHISTS ARE STICKING TO THEM.
REFLECTING A PROFOUND CHASM BETWEEN THEM AND THE GVN. BUDDHIST
SPOKESMEN ARE ALSO CONVEYING THE UNMISTAKABLE IMPRESSION THAT EVEN IF
THE GOVERNMENT CAN SATISFACTORILY REFUTE THESE CHARGES, THE BUDDHISTS
WILL RAISE NEW CHARGES AND THE MILITANT WING INDICATE THEY INTEND
TO KEEP UP THE PRESSURE UNTIL THE DIEM REGIME IS OVERTHROWN.
THUS, THE BUDDHISTS, AT LEAST THOSE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THICH TRI QUANG,
APPEAR TO BE CONSCIOUSLY TRANSFERRING THEIR STRUGGLE TO THE POLITICAL
REALM. WHETHER THEY ARE USING POLITICAL MEANS TO OVERTHROW

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APPEAR TO BE CONSCIOUSLY MANEUVERING THEIR STRONGEST TO THE POLITICAL
DIEM OUT OF HONEST CONVICTION THAT ONLY IN THIS WAY CAN GREATER
RELIGIOUS EQUALITY BE ASSURED IN VIETNAM OR
WHETHER MORE SECULAR MOTIVES ARE ALSO INVOLVED, CAN AT THIS TIME
ONLY BE A MATTER OF SURMISE. THE BUDDHIST LEADERS VIGOROUSLY DENY
ACCEPTING THE HELP OF OR BEING INFLUENCED BY OUTSIDE OPPOSITION
POLITICAL ELEMENTS, AND TO DATE THERE IS LITTLE EVIDENCE WITH WHICH TO
CHALLENGE THAT CLAIM. NEVERTHELESS, IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT THE
LINE HERE BETWEEN FORMAL PARTICIPATION IN RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS AS
A BUDDHIST MONK AND SECULAR LIFE IS EXTREMELY FLUID. THE BUDDHIST
STRUGGLE, ADOPTED INITIALLY ESSENTIALLY TO REDRESS REAL AND IMAGINED
RELIGIOUS GRIEVANCES, MAY WELL HAVE TRANSFORMED ITSELF INTO
AN ENTIRELY NEW POLITICAL FORCE WHOSE AIMS TRANSCEND THE BASICALLY
RELIGIOUS PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT WAS ORIGINALLY SET IN MOTION.
IN THE TWO WEEKS DEADLINE SET BY THE BUDDHISTS FOR GVN COM-
PLIANCE WITH THE 16 JUNE ACCORD PASSED WITHOUT THE PREVIOUSLY
THREATENED FURTHER BUDDHIST MANIFESTATIONS. SINCE THEN, WHILE
PROMISING FURTHER SUICIDES, THE BUDDHISTS HAVE PROGRESSIVELY PUSHED
BACK THE TIMETABLE FOR THEIR THREATENED ACTS. THEIR HESITATION MAY
HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A VARIETY OF REASONS, PERHAPS INCLUDING A
DESIRE TO SEE THE EFFECT OF INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES ON DIEM, A
SUSPICION OR EVEN KNOWLEDGE THAT A COUP WOULD BE SHORTLY ATTEMPTED;

AND/OR A DETERMINATION TO WAIT AND SEE HOW THE RUMORED STRUGGLE WITHIN

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TO BE THE FIRST OF SEVERAL EARLY BOMBING OF A HAI IS TO BE
THE GVN ITSELF OVER THE BUDDHIST QUESTION PLAYED ITSELF OUT. IN
ANY EVENT, IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF
ADDITIONAL SELF-IMMOLATIONS OR OTHER EQUALLY UPSETTING METHODS OF
SACRIFICIAL SELF-DESTRUCTION. SOME OF THE BUDDHIST LEADERS APPEAR
COMPLETELY SET ON THE ELIMINATION OF THE DIEM REGIME BY ONE MEANS
OR ANOTHER. HE MAKES THE DESIRES OF OTHER CONCILIATION TO BE
BUT THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE DIEM REGIME IS AWARE OF
THE PERIL WHICH IT IS NOW IN, BUT THERE ARE EQUALLY VOLUMINOUS
SIGNS OF DIVIDED COUNSEL ON HOW TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEM. A BINGO
FAMILY CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN HUE ON 29 AND 30 JUNE BUT UNFORTUNATELY
ITS RESULTS ARE STILL UNKNOWN. LOOKING FOR TO MAKE DECISIONS
WHICH PERIODICALLY REFRAN THE FLAMES OF CONTROVERSY FROM NGO
DINH NHU'S STATEMENTS, AND FROM A DREW LYCE V DILEMMA
OTHER BITS OF INFORMATION, IT APPEARS CLEAR THAT THE NHU'S WERE
OPPOSED TO GOING AS FAR AS THE THE GOVERNMENT DID ON THE 16 JUNE
AGREEMENT. IT SEEMS EQUALLY CLEAR THAT THUAN AND VICE PRESIDENT
GITHO, WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR BUI VAN LUONG INCLUDED, BUT PERHAPS RELUCTANTLY,
DARE IN FAVOR OF THE AGREEMENT. THEY HAMMERED OUT WITH THE BUDDHISTS
AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT HONORABLY CARRIED OUT. NGO DINH CAN'S
POSITION ON THE BUDDHIST ISSUE IS THE SUBJECT OF CONFLICTING RE-
PORTS, AND THE PRESIDENT'S MOOD IS EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO FATHOM.

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THE BEST GUESS IS THAT AT THE MOMENT HE IS BEING BUFFETED BY CON-
FLICTING ADVICE WITHIN HIS IMMEDIATE CIRCULAR AND BY VARIOUS
DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES AND THAT HE HAS NOT YET MADE
UP HIS MIND. ALMOST CERTAINLY, THE DIEM REGIME IS CURRENTLY UNDER-
GOING A CRISIS OF DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO ADOPT REPRESSIVE TACTICS
AGAINST THE BUDDHISTS OR TO MAKE FURTHER CONCILIATORY GESTURES
TOWARD THEM. IN MAKING THAT DECISION, DIEM FACES A DIFFICULT DILEMMA.
REPRESSIVE MEASURES, SUCH AS THE ARREST OF HIS LEADING BUDDHIST
ANTAGONISTS, MIGHT PLAY INTO HIS ENEMIES' HANDS BY CREATING JUST
THE PRETEXT THEY HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR TO MOVE DECISIVELY AGAINST
HIM. IF HE DOES NOTHING, HE WILL INVOKE INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATION
BY ELEMENTS READY TO ACCEPT THE BUDDHISTS' CASE AGAINST HIM. LOCK,
STOCK AND BARREL, AS WELL AS TO PERMIT THE INTERNAL SITUATION TO
DRIFT EVEN MORE DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO DISASTER FOR HIS REGIME.
HOWEVER, IF HE MAKES THE GESTURES OF FURTHER CONCILIATION TOWARD
THE BUDDHISTS CURRENTLY BEING OPRESSED UPON HIM, HE HAS NO ASSURANCE
THAT THESE WILL SATISFY THEM AND NO GUARANTEE THAT SUCH GESTURES
WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS ADDITIONAL SIGNS OF WEAKNESS, WOULD
NOT MERELY WHET THE APPETITE OF HIS ANTAGONISTS FOR FURTHER
UNSUSTAINABLE CONCESSIONS. ALTHOUGH THE LATTER COURSE WOULD APPEAR
TO BE THE LEAST OF SEVERAL EVILS FROM DIEM'S POINT OF VIEW, IT IS FEARED

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THAT IT IS THE ONE LEAST CONGENIAL TO THE PRESIDENT'S
TEMPERAMENT, AND IT IS NOT PROBABLE THAT HE WILL ADOPT IT,
REGARDLESS OF THE PRESSURES IMPOSED UPON HIM.

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