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From the Chiefs of the teams No I6 and I3

to the C.A. Commissionner

(through the leading commission of the mov't)

With the approval of the leading commission, we, the two teams I6 and I3, have gone to the village of Tan Hung Dong A in the South of Ca-Mau Province, on date of August 29th 1955 to get information of it and carry out our mission. According to the first Lieutenant, chief of the post of Cai Nuoc in the village aforesaid, the situation in which is very dangerous, for the communists had organized many frequent armed manifestations in the surrounding villages. They (the VietCong) intend to organize a monstrous manifestation to enter into the military post of Cai Nuoc. There were also the kidnaps in the day light, for instance that of the members of the village council (all members), and they have killed two of them, they have even kidnapped the civil guard, they doubt many of the people.

All this situation, we have reported yesterday (August 30th) after having got information, and following the advice of the military post commander, we can act only in the day, 1km of range of action from the post where we must remain at night.

To execute the orders of the leading committee and with our abnegation spirit, on September 9th 1955, we start by boat to the aimed point (for mission): village of Tan Hung Dong A.

Having been aware of the dangerous situation, we take all prepossession. We approach the aimed place when being in 50m from it, we hear a voice out of any bush at the river side calling us to get the a laanf (to moor). In spite of it we forced the driver to go on riding for it is very dangerous if we obey this enemy's voice(Vietch's).

With the protection of the soldiers we arrived to the post when the chief informs us that there had been a manifestation the day before (31/8/55); he had stopped and dispersed it. But this morning the Viet Cong organizes again another manifestation from 7.00 a.m., they continue to flow into the village to participate to the manifestation which is crowded up to 2000 persons in spite of the army's menace by opening fire.

They are armed with light weapons, bringing flag. One hour after with the reinforcement of the army of CaMau, the first Lieutenant gives them the explanation of the national gov't way for dispersing the manifestants. But they don't listen to him and throw stone and earth to at him, while they try to go into the post. So there is a great battle between the army and the manifestants which causes 4 dead, 8 wounded and 19 VietCong cadres are kept in by the army (3 women cadre), without the several other wounded brought away by the VietCong and immersed in the river.

At noon, the fighting ceases and we the mobile team go to help the wounded.

Then, the local administration council advises us to postpone our mission because of the rare villagers have gone away so far to find refuge, and having agreed with the council the first lietnant adds: 'We cannot politically carry out our mission here because of frequent armed manifestations in which the VietCong dares get hold of the army's weapons and challenges us to leave our post to go 5km farther in a try fighting.
Observation in general.

The enemy has remarked the good result of the civic action service which wins by and by people's confidence. So the VietCong must promote the manifestation, and the anti-nationalist movement so that they don't lose the people.

We think that is better to postpone our mission, in reporting this situation we hope to get soon your idea.

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