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Meeting with Chief of Cadastral Service (Land Registration and Agrarian Reform)

Place: Vung Tau Province

Date: April 4, 1956

Present: W. W. Mode, A. A. Rosenfeld

We took advantage of our presence in Cap St. Jacques on refugee matters to talk to the provincial Chief of Cadastral Service.

1. The sole function of the Cadastral Service in this province is the preparation and maintenance of a file of land plats and topographic maps. The registration of land titles, land transfers, etc., is a function of the immediate office of the Chief of Province. The Chief of Service volunteered the opinion that the two functions should be in one office, since users of one usually required the other also.

2. The Service prepares three copies of each plat: one for the land-owner, one for the provincial office, and one for Saigon (Cadastral Service). These copies are made individually; they have no photographic equipment. We did not ask as to the use Saigon made of their copy or whether the provincial office had ever had made use of the Saigon copy.

3. The provincial office will also make land surveys for property owners, or will accept surveys made by private surveyors (apparently, the closest private surveyor is located in Saigon). We did not ask, since our visit was informal and not cleared with the national office, as to whether there were any fees charged for this service, and who got the fee, if any.

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