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PARTY ACCOMPANYING HIS EXCELLENCY NGO DINH DIEM

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

HIS EXCELLENCY TRAN VAN CHUONG

Ambassador of Viet Nam to the United States
(biography attached)

NGUYEN HUU CHAU

Secretary of State for Interior and to
Presidency. Mr. Chau was born on August 5,
1920 in Saigon of a well-known family in
Go Cong, South Viet Nam.

Graduated from the Law School of Hanoi at
the age of 20, he practiced law for several
years at the Court of Appeals of Saigon.

Under President Ngo dinh Diem's administra-
tion, he joined the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs as Counsellor to Minister Tran van Do.
Since then, he has led many important
diplomatic missions to France, England, and
other countries of the free world. He was
later appointed Secretary of State at the
Presidency and presently assumes also the
office of Secretary of State of the Interior.

TRAN LE QUANG

Secretary of State for Public Works and
Construction

Mr. Tran Le Quang was born on January 6, 1918
at My Duc, Province of Ha Tien, South Viet
Nam. Educated in France, he graduated as a
Civil Engineer.

Returning to Viet Nam in 1951, Mr. Quang
joined the Vietnamese Railways Department,
of which he later became the Director.

Mr. Quang has represented Viet Nam at many
International Conferences, the latest being
the E.C.A.F.E. Conference in New Delhi in
1956.

Mr. Quang received the highest honor of
"Knight of the National Order of Viet Nam"
in May 1956, and was appointed Secretary of
State for Public Works by Presidential Decree
of September 13, 1956.

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TRAN VAN DON Chief of Staff of General Staff and Acting Aide de Camp. Educated in Viet Nam and in France.

HUYNH VAN DIEM Director General of Planning. Educated in France. Mr. Huynh Van Diem is an engineer.

VU VAN THAI Administrator General for Foreign Aid. Educated in France. Mr. Vu Van Thai is an engineer.

VO VAN HAI President's Chief Private Secretary. Acting Protocol Officer. Educated in France. First visit to the United States.

TON THAN THIEN Chief of President's Press and Information Service. Acting Interpreter. Educated London School of Economics. Mr. Ton Than Thien formerly served at the Embassy of Viet Nam in Paris. During 1955-56, he taught at Michigan State University in connection with Viet Nam Project.

President's Personal Staff: NGUYEN DINH GIA

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF HIS EXCELLENCY TRAN VAN CHUONG
AMBASSADOR OF VIET NAM TO THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Tran van Chuong was born on June 2, 1898, at Phu Ly in North Viet Nam. He comes from a South Viet Nam family, many of whose branches are established in the North. His father, Tran van Thong, a resident of Hanoi until the Geneva partition of Viet Nam and now residing in Saigon, was for fifteen years the Governor of the province of Nam Dinh, one of the most heavily populated provinces of the country which was recently abandoned to the Viet Minh.

The Ambassador is the oldest son of a large family. One of his brothers, Tran van Do, is Minister of Foreign Affairs. Another is the Attorney General of the Court of Appeals at Hanoi.

After taking all his studies in Algeria and France, Mr. Chuong received the Doctor of the Faculty of Law in 1922. For many years he was the senior Vietnamese lawyer, first in Hanoi, then in Saigon. He was Vice President of the Grand Council for Economic and Financial Interests in Indochina in 1938, a member of the Federal Council of Indochina in 1940, and in 1945, just prior to the Viet Minh revolution, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Vice President of the Ministerial Cabinet headed by Tran trong Kim. Subsequently he withdrew from political life. In February, 1953, he accepted the important judicial posts of Councillor of the Franco-Vietnamese Court of Cassation and of the Franco-Vietnamese Council of State, two bodies corresponding in their functions to the United States Supreme Court.

He emerged from political retirement in 1955, when he accepted the post of Minister of State in the new nationalist government formed on July 7th by Premier Ngo dinh Diem. In this capacity he was immediately sent abroad, first to Geneva and then to the United States on special missions. He has represented the Republic of Viet Nam in Washington ever since.