MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY VIETNAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mr. Mode

DATE: June 28, 1956

FROM:

James W. Fesler

SUBJECT:

Need for Clarifying Interior Department Area Grouping Recommendations

There are discrepancies in the specific recommendations for grouping of provinces into "areas", as mapped and listed in Appendix D of Chart I of the report on the Interior Department's regions and provinces.

Perhaps we should be aware of this and try to clarify it before our conference on July 2 with Mr. Chau.

Vung Tau (Cap St.

Jacques)

Same as Map

(D-2, D-4)

Central Vietnam List

Comment

Central Vietnam List
and Map & assumes
abandoning regional
boundary.
South Vietnam list
assumes provinces cannot
be grouped across regional
boundary. If this holds,
report fails to say what
then should happen to the
southern parts of Darlac,
Dong Naw Thuong, and Binh
Thuan provinces.

The map and the only relevant list disagree, though each is consistent within itself.

It seems doubtful that a 3-province area and a 5-province area are equally desirable.