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MEMO FOR:-

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We would like to point out to you an interesting incident between the Filipino community and some Vietnamese officials of the present administration of Saigon. A closer investigation of the facts of this incident may lead to:-

1. The possible existence of an unidentified faction that may sabotage the present administration.

2. Which factions may create cleavage between foreign communities in Saigon by promoting an atmosphere of distrust and suspicion among them.

On 22nd January, at about 2:00 AM, Mr Le Quanh Trung, Pres of the Municipal Council, accompanied by a person introduced merely as Johnny (5'2" tall, 112 lbs in weight, of

frail body, finely chisled feature,
yellowish complexion, with a rus-
sian wife, claim to speak fine
(5) language, claim to work
with the F O T and allegedly to
have studied in Moscow) arrived.

They were insistently inviting some
Filipino to go out with them
to the night club. Upon being
introduced to me, I noticed
that Johnny could not look at
me straight to the eyes. I
knew that something was wrong
and felt suspicious. Immediately
I thought of seeing Capt. Belen
with them to confirm my suspi-
cion. The group proceeded to
Vank Can't night club and stay-
ed there for three (3) hours. Con-
versations picked up during up
during their stay. Finally to the
fact they admit "President Diene"
to be honest and an incorruptible

and criticize him for not knowing
how to mingle with the masses.
They also stated that they do not
like the French for their colonialis-
tic thinking. Estimated expenses for
this outing was more or less
TWO THOUSAND (2000) pesos.

On 23rd January, the same
party without provocation insistently
invited the same Filipinos and
proceeded to the Tabarin night
club. Before proceeding to the
night club, they passed by the
Majestic Hotel and insisted on
bringing along Capt Belen and
any other Filipino officer. Un-
fortunately, Capt Belen and Capt
Dizon were out, so that they
left a note at the Desk.
Upon their arrival the desk
man handed the message
to the officers. That was

about 0100 HRS, 24 January. The officers thinking that they would like to see them on an important matter, proceeded to the night club. The officers found out that they just wanted to invite them. Conversation at this place showed the same pattern and went further on by the Vietnamese officials doubting the American motive in Vietnam. Estimated expense in this particular spree was again estimated to be more or less TWO THOUSAND (2000) dollars.

Also, a check up with Mr. Cesar Cimaco, the acting Chief of the Philippine VAYCEE Mission at Saigon, has confirmed the fact that Mr. LE QUANG TRONG and his

companions have been active
in entertaining lawlessly mem-
bers of the said mission
without any apparent reason.
It is most possibly to dis-
arm Filipino sensibility of secu-
rity. It is interesting to note
that their invitations included
allegedly organized hunting
expeditions to be held at
places as far as sixty
(60) kilometers from Zamboanga,
which invitations particularly
insisted on the attendance
of female Filipino doctors
and nurses. This aroused
our suspicion of possible
red mapping, the repercussions
of which will draw a
lot of embarrassment locally
and at home.

In closing, the same case has shown that their intent is premeditated intent to develop close ties with local Filipinos and put the entire Filipino community in an obligated position which warrants suspicion. Conversation with the above mentioned Saigon officials has the tendency of encouraging Filipino Antipathy particularly with the American faction.

These same group may also operate on the same line on the American against the Filipinos. Nothing could be more desirable for antagonistic factions to present a situation of cleavage

which will fit very well
along Communistic propaganda
line, or French justification
to exert their continued influence
with the Vietnamese on the
basis that Americans and
Filipinos do not appear
to be thinking and acting
on the same harmonious
line. Therefore their warrants
careful consideration and
investigation.