

Civic Action
Group 14

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Special report
on the situation of Truong-Binh village,
Cân-Guêc district

Cân-Guêc district, July 8, 1955

Lack of security: frequent activities of enemies

Recently, in the night of July 26, 1955 a group of some 30 men well-armed broke into Mr. Xa Niêm's house, took him out and disemboweled him to death. Mr. Niêm used to be a chief of village during French time. He joined the Communists in 1945 and came back to the village after the signature of Geneva agreement.

There are two hypothesis about his death.

- 1- He had come back with a communist mission but incapable of putting it into execution he was condemned by the communists.
- 2- Or else he had the intestion of revealing their secret.

The local authorities, however, attributes to Binh-Xuyên troops who, being chased by the national and turn to banditry to get foods and spread panic among the people.

Chief of Group: Hiêu

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Report on the reception
of the American Aid Group

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Acting on instructions of the Secretary of State for the Presidency, our group moved to Truong-Binh to inform the local authorities and displayed there waiting for the arrival of the American Aid Group.

The American Group arrived at Quy Duc in the morning of October 29, 1955 and was received by the District Chief and the chief of group of Civic Action. Then they proceeded to Truong-Binh where the reception was taking place.

The reception result is satisfactory because the Civic Group had succeeded in getting the people to come but there was one defect: the reception is too formal, inconsistent with the ^{policy} ~~goal~~ of the Secretary of State for the Presidency.

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Special report.

A/ On the 22th of July, 1955 while going on our propaganda town we happened to meet in a house of a deserted hamlet a group of 7 opium-smokers with 2 set of opium-smoking among whom is Phuoc-Lai Chief of Canton as one of his better.

We have been asking the District Chief to advice him to give up smoking.

B/ The inhabitants, especially the car-owners have much to complain of the communal police, because of their lack of integrity.

They proceed to search cars transporting goods very carefully with the view to delay. But at the cost of some bribes cars will be exempted from searching.

C/ Political trend of the inhabitants

50% still like the communist as they don't know sets real face.
30% are undecided
20% are Nationalists.

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Special report

According to the information given by a Sergeant major of 23BVN Battalion at 3:00 p.m. of July 23, 1955 the local authorities were backing the rebels. The picture of Bao-Dai remained hanging in the office till mid-july 1955. When Binh-Xuyen rebellion was going on the commander of V8-Binh would put on civilian clothers and left the post when the night comes for their security sake.

In the night of July 23, two local inhabitants gave the following informations:

- The local authorities forbode the people to hear on the wireless on the Bao-Dai abolition day.

- The questionnaire of President Ngô-dinh-Diệm did not reach the people.

Our conclusion is that the local authorities are very likely to be pre-communist.

of 29-7-1955

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I- Declaration of motives of the conference

II- Chairman: Le van Hieu

III- Secretary: Nguyen the Nha

Report of the Meeting

a/ Organization section

b/ Ceremony section: good job, beautiful presentation in the room, many bandereles

Experience: from now the invitation cards will be sent soon to the ceremony committee

c/ Light section: all members of the light section have played their part well

d/ Trooping the colours: lack of order

The number of persons assisted in the meeting is about 1500.

The result of the meeting is perfect

The meeting is closed at 5 p.m of 30-7-1955

The Chairman
Team Chief: Le van Hieu

The secretary:
Nguyen the Nha

Contact with the administrative authorities and ~~with~~
discussion on the plan for cooperation

A.- Contact with the district chief.-

1/ No chief of district. The function of the chief of district is charged by an acting district chief.

2/ Organization of District and Village.

The District is composed of 24 villages, each village is formed by many hamlets. The villagers of Truong Binh village are 3640.

The census is not yet finished.

The population of Long An village is 4000 of inhabitants.

The insecurity villages: Phuoc Ke; Tan Kim.

3/ The essential point of the report about the contact with the chief of district: The chief of district has no project

4/ District chief's promises: The chief of district will help the team about the intellectual means.

B.- Contact with the village committee.-

Reaction: The village committee promises to help the team about the local cadres.

C.- Preparation of the team arrival.-

Lodging, boarding, security, place for the team activities.

Important: The communists are actives at night and they had realized the following actions:

- The turning out of the labours.

- The bus traffic of the line Can Giuoc - ChoLon is interrupted.

- All stores are closed and the inhabitants remain quiet to the communist denunciation meeting organized by the district administration of 20/7/55

So, the local surete service and the district administration are powerless.

Team project.-

Popular education. The team will organize 2 popular education classes at Som Quan and Hoc thuan nhat hamlets.

Local cadres: The village committee introduces to the team 4 cadres as follows:

1/ Youth

2/ Health

3/ Popular education

4/ Information

Proposals.- For the propaganda, the team hopes to receive a picture projector
For the popular education; materials (copy books, vietnamese spelling books, chalk, pencils).

State of VIETNAM
Presidency Ministry
Province of Cholon
District of Can Giuoc
Village of Thuan Thanh

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Report on the setting up of a Sport
Youth Club of Thuan Thanh village.

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Order of the day:

- 1- Declaration of motive of the conference
- 2- Trooping the colours
- 3- Voting for the Chairman and secretary of the meeting
- 4- The member's list
- 5- Voting for the President Club
- 6- Fixing the activity day

President: Ta van Tu

Vice President: Nguyen van Lai

Thuan Thanh 1-10-1955

signed: the Secretary

Province of CHOLON
District of CAN GIUOC
Village of THUAN THANH

Report on a setting up of school-mate team
at Thuan Thanh Primary school

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I undersigned Nguyen Thi Thanh Mai, cadre of civic action team and all teachers of Thuan Thanh Primary School held a meeting with the presence of all pupils to establish a school-mate team.

After discussing about the proceedings, all teachers and pupils agree the organization as follow: 12 pupils form a section which is placed under the authority of a Chief of section, each class forms a group. The Director of school and all school-masters and school-mistress are responsible about the School-mate team activities.

The class B is charged by miss: NGUYEN NGOC XOAN
NGUYEN VAN VANG: Chief of section
TRAN THI NHANH : Deputy chief of section

The class A is charged by miss: DANG THI BE HOA
VO VAN GAM : Chief of section
TRAN THI CUC : Deputy chief of section

The class C is charged by miss: TRAN THI TU
PHAM VAN HIEP : Chief of section
NGUYEN THI DAO : Deputy chief of section

The activity day of the team is decided by the school-mate team, the meeting is closed at 5 P.M of 2/10/1955

Thuan Thanh, 5/10/1955

The Director of school
and all teachers.

The cadre of civic action

Civic Action

Model I
Team 14
Cholon province
Câugiuc district

REPORT

I. Influence of achieved works over the local population

The strictly coordination with local authorities in the vulgarization of the governmental policy makes the people confident in the nationalist cause and it is an occasion to bring the local authorities to be in frequent touch with the people.

After understanding the aim of the governmental policy, the people fully supports the team to carry out all works.

II. Accomplished works

- 1.- Health and Social works: the commune is large therefore the infirmary has to move from village to village for the distribution of medicine and medical examination.
- 2.- Information works: to appoint information agent for each village. These agents receive documents from an agent of district. Each village has to build up a post raised on piles from which the information agent reads the news or explains the governmental policy by a speaking-tube.
- 3.- Popular education works: the census of illiterate person had been accomplished : 3/10 of the population. Three classes of 150 persons had been opened at Truong-Binh commune.
- 4.- Sport organization: a team of foot-ballers, a team of volley-ballers are organized by the civic action group in order to promote the solidarity between the young men.
- 5.- Security works: The census of population had been realized: 6,000 including persons of all age.

III. General observation

Among the five works of the civic action team, the difficult one is the organization of groupings because the people is very busy for agricultural works.

The most successful works are: health and social work, popular education.

IV. Local cadres

The local cadres must be carefully examined on moral, conduct and ability before they will be introduced and trained by the civic action team.

The present local cadres are effective.

V. Strong point of the team

At first period, the health and social works and the information works are carried out parallelly, therefore the team can win easily the backing of local people.

VI. Defect of the team

The training for local cadres is carried out a little late.

Truong-Binh August 17, 1955
Chief of team N°.14
Signed: LE-VAN-HIEU

State Of Viet-Nam
Commissariat of Civic Action
Team N°. 14

REPORT
To the Chief of Administrative Office.

We send to you 4 thanking letters from the relieved people of Thuận-Thành village. The Civic Action team sent by the Government did much to help the village inhabitants in their fight against all diseases.

Thuận-Thành October 9, 1955
The Team Chief
DINH-KINH