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1. ON 28 OCTOBER 1963 TRAN QUOC BUU STATED TO A CAS OFFICER
THAT THE CVTC AND THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE WOULD WILLINGLY
SUPPORT A MILITARY GOVERNMENT BROUGHT ABOUT BY FORCE OF ARMS. THEY
WOULD SUPPORT AN EVEN TOUGHER GOVERNMENT THAN THE PRESENT REGIME,
AS LONG AS IT PROVED ITSELF HONEST AND CAPABLE OF PURSUING A SOUND
POLICY. THE VARIOUS OPPOSITION GROUPS WOULD ACCEPT SUCH A GOVERNMENT
ALSO, PARTICULARLY SINCE SUCH GROUPS LACKED ORGANIZATION AND
NUMBERS. THE CVTC WOULD NOT ASK FOR REPRESENTATION IN THE GOVERNMENT
BUT WOULD CARRY WEIGHT NONETHELESS, SINCE IT WAS THE ONLY
INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF THE
BUDDHIST GROUPS, WHICH HAD A LARGE AND DISCIPLINED MEMBERSHIP.

2. BUU ADDED THAT THE KEY TO ANY CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT
AT THIS TIME IS THE MILITARY. PROBABLY NOTHING WILL HAPPEN UNTIL
THE MILITARY ACTS; THEN ALL ELEMENTS OF THE POPULATION WILL
IMMEDIATELY RALLY TO THE CAUSE, AND THE PRESENT REGIME WOULD
FALL IN SHORT ORDER.

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