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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

REPORT NO. TDCS-3/500,097

SUBJECT COMMENTS OF TRAN VAN LY ON THE DESIRABILITY, PROBLEMS AND CONSEQUENCES OF A COUP D'ETAT

DATE DISTR. 28 JANUARY 1962

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

DATE OF INFO. 25 JANUARY 1962

TAYLOR

REFERENCES IN 18750

KAYSEN

RETAIN OR DESTROY

PLACE & DATE ACQ. VIETNAM, SAIGON (26 JANUARY 1962)

BELK

R. JOHNSON

FIELD REPORT NO. FVS 7006

APPRAISAL 3

THIS IS **UNEVALUATED** INFORMATION. SOURCE GRADINGS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

SOURCE

A VIETNAMESE NATIONAL ARMY OFFICER (F) WORKING AT THE GENERAL STAFF HEADQUARTERS, FROM TRAN VAN LY.

GRADINGS

OFFICER OF VIETNAM TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE ACP. FIVE COPIES WOULD BE

DURHAM

ON 25 JANUARY 1962, TRAN VAN LY, OPPOSITION LEADER IMPRISONED

FROM NOVEMBER 1960 TO FEBRUARY 1961 FOLLOWING THE ATTEMPTED COUP

OF 1960, SAID THAT CERTAIN GENERAL OFFICERS HAVE CONSULTED WITH HIM

ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ATTEMPTING A COUP D'ETAT. (FIELD COMMENT.

(TDCS-3/500,042)

FVS-6999/BY THE SAME SOURCE REPORTED HIM AS POLITICAL ADVISOR TO

GENERAL NGHIEM. SUCH A COUP WOULD BE TO PREVENT THE COUNTRY FROM

FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS (VC). HE STATED

THAT HE WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THESE GENERALS IN

PRINCIPLE ON THE NECESSITY FOR A COUP D'ETAT, BUT WAS WORRIED BOTH

ABOUT THE METHOD TO BE EMPLOYED AND THE CONSEQUENCES. LY WAS

AWARE THAT CERTAIN POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS WISHED TO MOUNT A

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A COUP WITH THE SUPPORT OF MILITARY ELEMENTS. HOWEVER, THESE GROUPS WERE TOO DIVIDED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. **LY BELIEVED** THE ONLY SUCCESSFUL COUP WOULD BE ONE MOUNTED BY THE ARMY ITSELF. (FIELD COMMENT.

TRAN VAN LY WAS A MEMBER OF THE "CARAVELLE" OPPOSITION GROUP.

(CS-3/474,755)

ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE OF FVS-5908/HE WAS MOVING TOWARD A

NEUTRALIST POSITION IN 1960 AND WAS DISAPPOINTED OVER CONTINUED

SUPPORT TO DIEM BY THE U.S. A BRITISH OFFICIAL SERVICE REPORTED

THAT WHEN HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON ON 8 FEBRUARY 1961, HE WAS

SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT

FORCED TO SIGN A DECLARATION OF LOYALTY TO DIEM. (FIELD COMMENT)

ON 9.0 SPEAKING IN GENERAL TERMS, **LY SAID THAT** IN SETTING UP SUCH

A COUP TWO THINGS WERE IMPORTANT: TO AVOID BLOODSHED, AND TO

ORGANIZE AS SMALL A FORCE AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER NOT TO ALLOW THE

PLAN OF ACTION TO BE EXPLOITED BY THE VC. **LY'S** SOLUTION WOULD BE

TO HAVE THE GENERAL OFFICERS DECLARE THE WHOLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM

TO BE IN A STATE OF SETGE. THE TROOPS WOULD THEN BE FORBIDDEN

TO MOVE WITHOUT AN EXPRESS ORDER FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE

AND ALL ROADS LEADING TO SAIGON WOULD BE GUARDED.

II. IN CASE THE COUP WERE SUCCESSFUL, A REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE

OF THREE GENERAL OFFICERS WOULD DIRECT EVERYDAY GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

WITH THE HELP OF TECHNICAL ADVISORS AND SMALL THE SECRETARIES OF

STATE, WHO WOULD HAVE REMAINED AT THEIR POSTS. DURING THIS PERIOD

THE PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO CHOOSE THE HEAD OF THE STATE.

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5. (FIELD COMMENT. **LY** TALKED TO SOURCE IN GENERAL TERMS. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THIS WAS BECAUSE OF RETICENCE ON **LY'S** PART IN RESPECT TO SOURCE, OR WHETHER **LY** IS NOT IN FACT INVOLVED IN THE ALLEGED PLANNING OF GENERAL NGHIEM.)

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