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1. PLEASE HANDLE THIS MESSAGE SIMILAR TO DIRECTOR

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2. JOINT STATE/USIA/DEFENSE/CIA MESSAGE:

PRELUDE TO POSSIBLE ACTION OPERATION INVOLVING AIR DROP AND MAIL DISTRIBUTION COUNTERFEIT NORTH VIETNAMESE CURRENCY, REQUEST MISSION PSYOPS COMMITTEE TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION PRODUCE AND AIR DROP NORTH VIETNAM LEAFLET DEPICTING ACCURATE FACSIMILE ONE DONG NOTE WITH ATTACHED TEAR SHEET CARRYING PSYWAR MESSAGE RELATING BREAKDOWN ECONOMY NORTH VIETNAM DRAWING ON APPROPRIATE THEMES OF STATE 092589. KKKXX-REFERENCE. PROPOSED CURRENCY LEAFLET WOULD BE SIMILAR TO ONE DONG NOTE LEAFLET AIR DROPPED NORTH VIETNAM IN PAST WHICH JUDGED HIGHLY EFFECTIVE ON BASIS REPORTS

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RECEIVED THAT PEOPLE IN NORTH VIETNAM HAD CLIPPED ONE DONG NOTE FROM LEAFLET AND WERE PASSING IT IN LOCAL MARKETS. . .

KKKK LEAFLET SHOULD BE REPRODUCED FROM AVAILABLE PAPER STOCK USING PHOTO OFFSET PROCESS TO PRINT ACCURATE FACSIMILE ONE DONG NOTE USING SEVERAL SERIAL NUMBERS. ON BASIS PAST PERFORMANCE, WE CAN EXPECT THAT THIS LEAFLET WILL HAVE IMMEDIATE UTILITY GETTING ECONOMY RELATED MESSAGE ACROSS TO NORTH VIETNAMESE POPULATION. WE HAVE INTEREST, APART FROM SUCCESS OF THIS OPERATION IN ITSELF, IN DEVELOPING PLAUSIBLE DENIAL SHOULD DISTRIBUTION OF HIGH QUALITY COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY ACTUALLY BE MADE FOR POSSIBLE LATER DISTRIBUTION. IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO ASSUME THAT ANY COUNTERFEIT OPERATION WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE RXX PUBLIC PROTEST FROM HANOI AND SUBSEQUENT OUTCRY IN INTERNATIONAL MEDIA. EXISTENCE OF A PRIOR LEAFLET WITH WHAT IS ONLY A CURRENCY

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FACSIMILE WOULD SUPPORT ARGUMENT THAT NOTHING IS INVOLVED
 BUT PSYOP RELATING TO NORTH VIETNAMESE CURRENCY, I.E., A
 LOCALIZED PSYWAR GIMMICK."

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