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**BACKGROUND - HOA HAO STRENGTH
AND DISPOSITION**

There are four significant Hoa Hao factions, located generally some 80 miles to the west of Saigon (see map).

II. Leaders of these factions and their armed strength are as follows:

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| A. Tran Van Soai | 8,000 |
| B. Le Quang Vinh (Ba Cut) | 4,300 (SEE MAP FOR REPORTED SHIFT) |
| C. Nguyen Giac Ngo* | 3,300 |
| D. Lam Thanh Nguyen* | 3,400 |

III. Leaders marked with asterisk are said to be wavering in their support of nominal Hoa Hao leaders, Tran Van Soai.

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G-2 order of battle

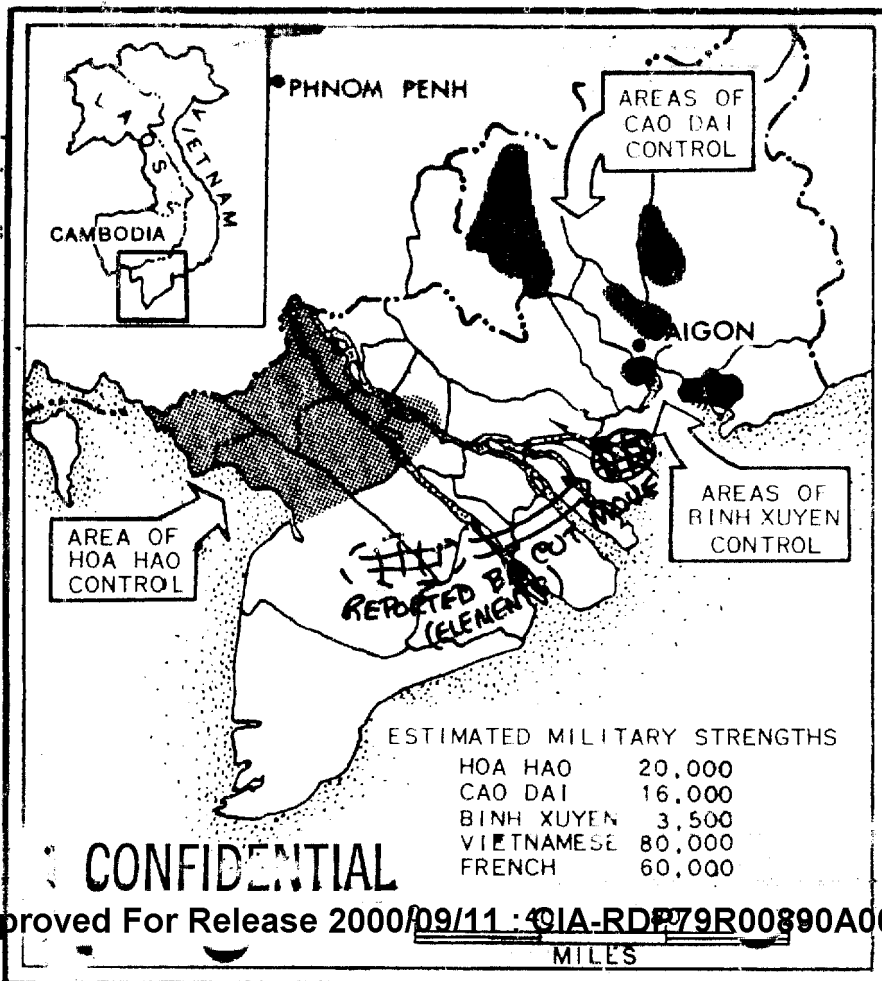
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