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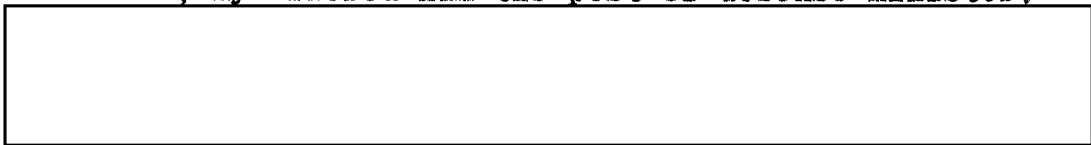
The Situation in South Vietnam
(As of 9:30 A.M., EDT)

Hue

1. The US Embassy reports that Hue was quiet on the morning of 28 May (Vietnam time). The bonzes who were fasting in front of the Consulate yesterday are continuing their hunger strike at one of the pagodas. Radio Hue continued its bombast against US support of the Ky-Thieu government and announced that various groups would meet today and tomorrow. The radio made the claim that the USIS library was burned in defiance of the "degenerate" American culture which is replacing the Vietnamese culture.

General Cao's Comments on Ky-Thi Meeting

2. According to General Cao, Prime Minister Ky offered General Thi his old job as I Corps commander when they met yesterday at Chu Lai. When Thi refused, Ky offered him the post of defense minister.



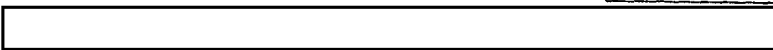
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Saigon

3. The press reports that a group of approximately 1,000 Buddhists, children, and teenagers demonstrating against the government left the Buddhist Institute today and marched into Cholon, the Chinese section of the capital, where it was dispersed by riot police without incident. The mayor

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of Saigon at a city council meeting reportedly warned demonstrators that the government might augment its "moderate" methods of riot control with odor, vomit, and diarrhea gas grenades if the marches continue.

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