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1. Colonel Jean Leroy, commander of the Unites Mobiles de Defense des Chretientes (UEDC), states that he now has under his command 4,500 regular forces, plus 13-14,000 supplementary troops, including the auto-defense units of 97 vil-lages.* The regular forces are equipped with one machine gun for every 10 men; the supplementary troops have one machine gun for 30 men and one sub-machine gun for every 10 men. Leroy's forces have about 40 radios, with trained personnel to operate them.
2. In the event Indochina is taken over by the Communists, Leroy states he can count on the support of 10,000 partisans to form resistance cells and fight on.
3. The island of Minh, where UEDC forces recently carried out a fairly large-scale operation, is the only are in Leroy's zone of operations which he does not control. He expects all resistance on the island to be wiped out by 15 March. 25X1A

* ~~Comment.~~ Colonel Leroy's views on the military situation in South Viet Nam, estimates his force at about 5,000.

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