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 Tran Van Giau, Minister of Information of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) is now in command of a well trained and well equipped Communist brigade operating on the Burma-Indochina border.\* Troops of this brigade include Burmese, Laos and Vietnamese.

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- Pham Ngoc Thach, President of the Administrative and Resistance Committee of Saigon-Cholon, is currently at Tan Khanh (106-43, 11-00), where he is investigating the causes behind the increasing defections of DRV forces in Cochinchina.
- 3. Muci Tri\* will arrive in Saigon-Cholon in a few days to replace Nguyen Van Thi, who was recently arrested, as head of URV forces in the area. Tri, whose younger brother recently arrived in Saigon, is now believed to be in complete sympathy with the Communists.

25X1A \* Comment. According to all available information, Tran Van Giau has always been associated with information and propaganda work. It is probable that he is Political Commissar, rather than military commander, of this brigade. 25X1A

25X1A \*\* Comment. Muci Tri was reported as commander of a resistance group operating in the Chau Doc-An Thinh-Binh Thanh area of Cochinchina, which had made unsuccessful attempts to rally to the Bao Dai Government.

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