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1. Peasant-farmer cells (Chi Bo Nong Thon) have been organized in every village in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV)-controlled zone of Vietnam and can broadly be considered as one of the key bases of the Indochinese Communist Party (PCI). These cells constitute the eyes and ears of the PCI and continue to be a strong weapon in the Communist's hands to assure compliance with the DRV Government's directives.
2. In the eyes of the Vietnamese Communist leaders, the main weakness in the peasant-farmer organizations is their narrowness of interest and the lack of effective leadership. This weakness in leadership was clearly recognized by the Communist leaders in the semi-annual congresses of the Peasant-Farmer Federation.
3. After the DRV Government levied the new agricultural tax the role of the peasant-farmer cells became even more important. The task of enforcing the collection of the agricultural tax while still maintaining an appearance of democracy is a difficult one. To accomplish this task, extensive propaganda and investigation are essential. The peasant-farmer cells have been thoroughly reorganized and have assumed these functions which are implemented in the following ways.
 - a. Frequent meetings are held under the direction of special cadres sent from the provincial capitals; propaganda agents are recruited and are briefed on how to answer questions which landowners are likely to ask regarding subscriptions to provisory loans and the paying of taxes.
 - b. Information is supplied on the productive capacity of each landowner's land, both land under cultivation and suitable for cultivation, secret stores of paddy and means of hiding crops.

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