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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM
DOI 21 DECEMBER 1966
SUBJECT ALLEGED SUDIESTE PLANS TO OVERTHROW THE KY GOVERNMENT AND
ASSASSINATE PRIME MINISTER KY

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ACQ VIETNAM, [REDACTED] (26 DECEMBER 1966)

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1. ON 21 DECEMBER A GROUP OF SUDEISTES, MOST OF WHOM WERE

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EITHER FOLLOWERS OF THICH TRI QUANG OR SYMPATHIZERS OF THE DIEMIST GENERALS, MET AT A PRIVATE HOME IN THE CHU HOA SECTION OF CHOLON TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR CARRYING OUT A COUP AGAINST THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM. THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING WERE NOT IDENTIFIED, BUT RETIRED MAJOR GENERAL TRAN VANDON IS REPORTEDLY ITS LEADER, AND XUAN TUNG, A DISSIDENT MEMBER OF THE VIETNAMESE NATIONALIST PARTY (VNQDD), AND LUONG QUOC XUNG, A FORMER DAI VIET, ARE CONNECTED WITH THE PLOT.

2. THE GROUP DID NOT REACH AGREEMENT ON HOW TO CARRY OUT THE PLOT. SOME FAVORED LAUNCHING A POPULAR DEMONSTRATION WHICH WOULD CULMINATE IN A COUP; OTHERS THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD FIRST BE NECESSARY TO ASSASSINATE PRIME MINISTER KY. THE GROUP IS CONTINUING TO WORK ON THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE.

3. COMMENT. THE CAPTAIN'S MOTIVES FOR IMPARTING THIS UNSOLICITED INFORMATION ARE NOT KNOWN. POSSIBLY IT IS A QUESTION OF PLAYING SAFE WITH BOTH SIDES.)

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