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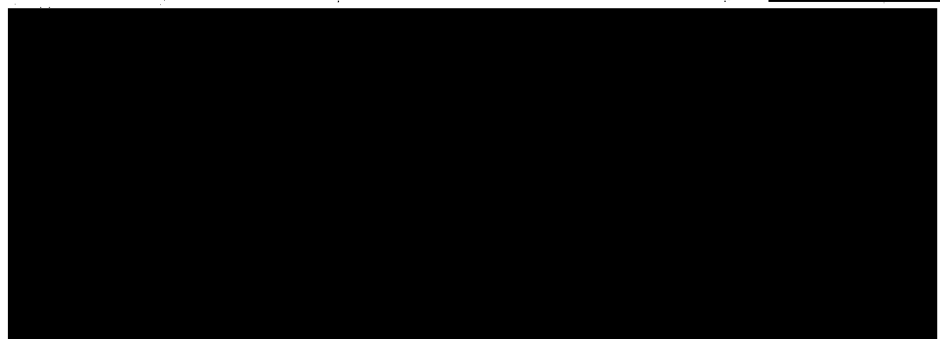
COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM
DCI 28 APRIL 1966
SUBJECT RUMORS OF IMMINENT COUP ATTEMPT BY GENERALS
CO AND QUANG.

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1. A NUMBER OF UNCONFIRMED RUMORS HAVE CROPPED UP IN
THE PAST DAY OR TWO THAT A COUP WOULD BE ATTEMPTED SOON.
ONE RUMOR PLACED THE DATE OF THE COUP ON
30 APRIL, WHILE OTHERS INDICATED THAT IT WOULD TAKE PLACE
SHORTLY AFTER MAY DAY. THE RUMORS ALL INDICATE
THAT THE COUP IS BEING PLANNED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
NGUYEN HUU CO AND IV CORPS COMMANDER DANG VAN QUANG. IT WAS

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ALSO RUMORED THAT MOVEMENTS OF IV CORPS TROOPS TOWARD SAIGON HAD TAKEN PLACE. ANOTHER COMMON FACTOR AMONG THE COUP RUMORS WAS THE REPORT THAT THE RUMORED MOVE HAD STRONG CATHOLIC SUPPORT, AND THAT A NUMBER OF LEADING CATHOLIC FIGURES HAD DEPARTED SAIGON FOR BIEN HOA WHERE THEY WOULD WAIT UNTIL THE COUP HAD TAKEN PLACE.

2. (FIELD COMMENT: [REDACTED] THAT COLONEL PHAM VAN LIEU EXPECTED CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE GOVERNMENT BETWEEN 30 APRIL AND 2 MAY. THE MOVES ANTICIPATED BY COLONEL LIEU MAY BE INTENDED TO COUNTER THE RUMORED COUP ATTEMPT BY CO AND QUANG. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MEN OF THE MILITARY SECURITY SERVICE, HEADED BY CONONEL NGUYEN NGOC LOAN, DISTRIBUTED ANTI-CO LEAFLETS IN SAIGON ON 27 APRIL [REDACTED] THIS INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD THAT GENERAL CO IS AWARE THAT SOME HIGH OFFICIALS ARE ACTIVELY WORKING AGAINST HIM.)

3. FIELD DISSEM: STATE USAID JUSPAO USMACV
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