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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT POSSIBLE COUP D'ETAT

DATE DISTR. 7 AUGUST 1963

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APPRAISAL THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTS CONCERNING THE EXISTENCE OF A COUP D'ETAT GROUP HEADED BY TUYEN AS WELL AS INDICATIONS THAT A COUP MIGHT BE ATTEMPTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. (SEE [REDACTED].) THE EXTENT OF MILITARY BACKING FOR A TUYEN COUP ATTEMPT, HOWEVER, HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN SEPARATE REPORTS ON COUP PLANNING [REDACTED] THIS REPORT MIGHT ALSO BE A DELIBERATE PROVOCATION INTENDED FOR U.S. CONSUMPTION. ALTHOUGH WE ARE INCLINED TO ESTIMATE THAT TUYEN AND BACH ARE ENGAGED IN ACTUAL COUP PLOTTING, WE CANNOT COMMENT ON THE TIMING OR ON THEIR DEGREE OF READINESS.

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1. NGUYEN VUY BACH, CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY SERVICE, TOLD A FRIEND ON 7 AUGUST 1963 THAT HE SHOULD STAY HOME BECAUSE "SOMETHING WAS GOING TO HAPPEN" ON 8 OR 9 AUGUST. BACH'S BROTHER LATER ON THE SAME DAY TOLD ANOTHER FRIEND THAT TRAN KIM TUYEN AND BACH WERE GOING TO ATTEMPT A COUP D'ETAT ON 8 OR 9 AUGUST. THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MILITARY SUPPORT AND "HIGH-LEVEL" FOREIGN SUPPORT, PROBABLY AMERICAN, FOR THE COUP. [REDACTED] COMMENT. CAO XUAN VY, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND SPORTS, MIGHT

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ALSO BE INVOLVED.)

2. BACH'S BROTHER SAID THAT BOTH TUYEN AND BACH WERE VACATING THEIR HOUSES ON THE EVENING OF 8 AUGUST BUT THAT HE WAS GOING TO STAY AT BACH'S HOUSE AS A GO-BETWEEN. BACH'S BROTHER SAID THAT HE WAS PASSING ON THE INFORMATION, WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS BROTHER, SO THAT HIS FRIEND MIGHT SAFEGUARD HIS FAMILY. HE WARNED HIS FRIEND THAT, SINCE HIS HOUSE WAS NEAR THE USOM BUILDING, HE SHOULD MOVE THE FAMILY. IN THE EVENT OF A COUP ATTEMPT, THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT TAKE POSITIVE ACTION TO PREVENT PARTICIPATION BY THE AMERICANS; THEREFORE, PROXIMITY TO U.S. INSTALLATIONS COULD BE DANGEROUS.

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