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Activities of the Royal Family  
In North Vietnam

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Vietnamese nationalist with contacts in political circles of North Vietnam.

1. On 3 January 1954 a meeting of more than thirty members of the Royal Family in North Vietnam was held at the Dong Loi Hotel in Hanoi. The meeting was convened by Vinh Du, the Deputy Royal Delegate to the Domains of the Crown in North Vietnam. Other members present at this meeting were: Buu Dang, director of a business school on Richaud St., Hanoi; Ung Thi, a businessman and a member of the Hanoi Unity Group; Buu Cau, a merchant; Buu Chuong, a Lt. Colonel and former Headquarters Chief of the Bao Chinh Doan in North Vietnam, and also a former member of the Dai Viet Party.
2. During the meeting Buu Loc asked those present their opinions of such political personalities as Tran Trung Dung, Hoang Co Binh and Trinh Quoc Quang aka Truong Van Trinh. Vinh Du then brought up the main subject, that is the formation of an "Association of Members of the Royal Family" (Ai Huu Hoang Phai). Du's proposal was accepted and Du was elected chairman of the association. The following day, Du submitted a list of more than 500 members of the Royal Family in Hanoi to Buu Loc.
3. The principal purpose of this association is to enable Buu Loc to contact a fairly large group of persons who will provide him with political support during his tenure as President.

CAS Comment:

We did not realize Bao Dai's relatives were as numerous as this report appears to indicate.

It is not clear what source means when he refers to "members of the Royal Family".

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