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DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE FROM SEPARATE TELEGRAM THAT TIMES OF VIETNAM TODAY CARRIES TWO ARTICLES BOTH OF WHICH BUDDHISTS ARE BOUND TO FIND OFFENSIVE AND ONE CALCULATED TO BRING ON REJOINDER FROM SIHANOUK. MOST IMMEDIATELY DISTURBING ASPECT THESE ARTICLES IS PASSAGE IN "SCOTCH TARE" ITEM WHICH VIRTUALLY DARES BUDDHISTS TO BRING OFF ANOTHER BURNING TOMORROW. SO FAR AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE, NEITHER ARTICLE AS YET PICKED UP IN VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE PAPERS, BUT FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CAN BE COUNTED ON TO BRING ARTICLES TO ATTENTION BUDDHIST LEADERS.

ON OTHER HAND, VICE PRESIDENT THO'S RESPONSE TO KHIEU'S JUNE 26 LIST OF CHARGES (ALSO SUMMARIZED IN SEPARATE TELEGRAM) IS REASONABLY RESPONSIVE AND CONCILIATORY IN TONE.

I WAS UNABLE GET APPOINTMENT WITH THUAN THIS AFTERNOON BUT MAY SEE HIM THIS EVENING AND HAVE APPOINTMENT TOMORROW MORNING. AT MOMENT I AM NOT ABLE TO SAY WHETHER TIMES OF VIETNAM OR VICE PRESIDENT IS REFLECTING GVN POLICY.

CAS MADE ROUTINE INTELLIGENCE INQUIRY OF CIO AS TO WHETHER GVN HAS ANY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT TIMES OF VIETNAM CHARGES RE SIHANOUK. ANSWER WAS NO.

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