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THAT THE CVTC AND THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE WOULD WILLINGLY

SUPPORT A MILITARY GOVERNMENT BROUGHT ABOUT BY FORCE OF ARMS. THEY

WOULD SUPPORT AN EVEN TOUGHER GOVERNMENT THAN THE PRESENT REGIME,

AS LONG AS IT PROVED ITSELF HONEST AND CAPABLE OF PURSUING A SOUND

POLICY. THE VARIOUS OPPOSITION GROUPS WOULD ACCEPT SUCH A GOVERNMENT

ALSO, PARTICULARLY SINCE SUCH GROUPS LACKED ORGANIZATION AND

NUMBERS. THE CVTC WOULD NOT ASK FOR REPRESENTATION IN THE GOVERNMENT

BUT WOULD CARRY WEIGHT NONETHELESS, SINCE IT WAS THE ONLY

INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF THE

BUDDHIST GROUPS, WHICH HAD A LARGE AND DISCIPLINED MEMBERSHIP.

2. ADDED, THAT THE KEY TO ANY CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT
AT THIS TIME IS THE MILITARY. PROBABLY NOTHING WILL HAPPEN UNTIL
THE MILITARY ACTS; THEN ALL ELEMENTS OF THE POPULATION WILL
IMMEDIATELY RALLY TO THE CAUSE, AND THE PRESENT REGIME WOULD
FALL IN SHORT ORDER.

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