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Reliable source reports that Vice President Tho has contacted Generals and is alive and safe.

Same source reports that following personnel selected for provisional government which is to hold power for three to five months:

Prime Minister:

Nguyen Ngoc Tho

Vice Prime Minister:

Pham Huy Quat and
Tran Van Ly

Minister of National
Defense and Commander
of General Staff:

Gen. Tran Van Don

Minister of Interior:

Gen. Ton That Dinh

Minister of Information:

Gen. Tran Tu Oai

Minister of Youth and

National Education:

Gen. Tran Van ("Little")

Foreign Minister:

Vu Van Mau Minh

Minister of Public Works:

Tran Le Quang

Ambassador to US:

Tran Van Chuong

COMMENTS

Ministers of Finance, Economy, Agriculture, Justice, and Health are still to be chosen but will all be civilians.

There will be no president of the provisional government since the generals view Presidency as an elective office, whereas Prime Ministership is an appointive office. After 3 to 5 months free elections will be held for president.

Gen. "Big" Minh has several times emphasized that he desires no post whatsoever.

Same source reports that General Dinh is now at the Palace talking to the Commander of the Ranger Battalion who has joined the Presidential Guard. Object of talks is capitulation of Ranger Battalion and Presidential Guard.

Provisional Government will state its primary objective as the successful prosecution of the war against Viet Cong.

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Reliable source reports from Big Minh that following officers involved in coup:

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Generals:

Big Minh
Don
Dinh
Little Minh
Le
Khiem
Xuan
~~Thien~~
Kim
Cai
La
Ngo
Chieu
Tam
Khanh
Tri
Nghiem

Colonels:

Lam Van Phat
Do Mau
Nguyen Huu Co
Nguyen Van Chuan
Nguyen Khuong
Tran Vinh Huyen
Bui Huu Nhan
Duong Ngoc Lam

Majors:

Le Nguyen Khang
Do Khac Mai
Nguyen Cao Ky
Nguyen Dinh Xuan
Nguyen Van Thien
Chuong Tan Cang
Vinh Loc
Nguyen Trung Truc

COMMENTS

Same source reports that Vice President Tho is now at JGS. (Source knows him well by sight).
Gia Long now under heavy attack. Several large explosions occurred between 3:15 and 3:25 ~~am~~ am.

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Washington

Uncl.

Arthur Sylvester has announced the following:
"As a precautionary measure and with approval of the President, Sec. Defense McNamara has directed the movement of U.S. military forces toward the area of South Vietnam."

"The order went out through the Joint Chiefs of Staff to Adm. Felt to take the necessary action."

"This order has been given should it be necessary to protect American lives in South Vietnam."

Sylvester would not say which forces to be moved. Press speculates they would include 7th Fleet and units of the Air Force Transport Fleet based in Okinawa and the Philippines.

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