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## STATUS REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE SOUTHEAST ASIA

#### **COVERT ANNEX - HIGHLIGHTS**

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	has reported			
plans to assist disside	ent Cambodian			
leader Son Ngoc Thanh in a political action				
campaign against the Sihanouk government.				
The is also exploring	Thanh's capability			
for penetrating the Cambod	ian government and			
the feasibility of assassinat	ing Sihanouk.			

### NORTH VIETNAM

Over 700,000 CIA-designed leaflets were dropped into the Haiphong/Lay Kay areas in April. The objective of this operation, in addition to familiarizing the DRV population with the anti-communism symbol on the leaflets, is to create a diversion within North Vietnam proper which may dissipate DRV security strengths in response to psywar and deception activities, and thus lessen DRV capability for action in South Vietnam.

#### SOUTH VIETNAM

A two-month Civic Action Ministry training course for 229 montagnard cadres was completed in April. The first priority of these graduates, in direct satisfaction of requirements levied by General Rosson during his visit, is formation of fixed teams for use at Special Forces camps. Included in the course were 45 Vietnamese civic action cadre, all tribal dialect speakers, who will serve as team chiefs.



