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OF PRIORITY. IT WAS' ACCORDING TO TROTS' WEIGHT ENDOCTRINE  
LOOKING WHICH WAS INVOLVED FOR SOMEONE OF RECEIVING SKILLING.

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21 ACTION DEPARTMENT 41; INFORMATION C. INCPAC 25. TO MEMORANDUM  
 100122\* THAT ACTIVITY HAS BEEN AND THAT WILL BE TO BE VACUUMS  
 DISLIMITED DISTRIBUTION GIVEN SECRET INSTRUCTIONS TO MEMORANDUM  
 INSTRUCTIONS TO MEMORANDUM 100122\* HE SAID THAT ACTIVITY HAS BEEN  
 FOLLOWING IS REPORT OF CONVERSATION JULY 15 WITH MINISTER INTERIOR  
 LUONG BY CAS OFFICER WHO HAS HAD LONG ASSOCIATION WITH LUONG:  
 ACCORDING LUONG MEMORANDUM HAS FORTIFIED EXCESSIVE OF MEMORANDUM  
 BEGIN TEXT

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25. MINISTER LUONG OPENED MEETING BY STATING HE HAD SEEN CHARGE  
26. TRUEHEART AT 1900 HOURS ON 3 JULY, AND HE HAD IMPRESSION  
27. THAT TRUEHEART'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DIEM WAS OF SOME  
28. URGENCY, SINCE CHARGE HAD INSISTED ON SEEING PRESIDENT ON URGENT  
29. MATTER. 2 LUONG ASKED ME IF I WAS AWARE OF SUBJECT OF CHARGE'S  
30. MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. I REPLIED IN NEGATIVE.

NOT RECEIVABLE TO GIVING VS ATTENTION WERE VARIOUS. THIS ACCORDING  
TO LUONG SAID THAT PRESIDENT DIEM WAS TO MAKE SPEECH IN NEAR FUTURE  
2. EXPLAINING GVN-BUDDHIST SITUATION. IT WOULD BE MAJOR SPEECH.  
PARTS OF WHICH HAD BEEN DRAFTED BY VICE-PRESIDENT AND LUONG.

RE I SAID CH HAD HEARD RUMORS VICE PRESIDENT HAD RESIGNED EARLIER  
LOW IN WEEK. LUONG CATEGORICALLY DENIED THIS AND NOTED THAT MINISTER  
THUAN HAD EXPLAINED THIS TO CHARGE. WHEN HE MENTIONED THUAN,  
CH TOLD HIM THAT I HAD GOTTEN ON VERY GOOD AUTHORITY THAT THUAN WAS TO  
LOSE HIS DEFENSE MINISTRY PORTFOLIO. LUONG AGAIN DENIED THAT  
THIS WAS BEING CONSIDERED. HE CALLED TO MY ATTENTION CONVERSATION  
WE HAD HAD IN EARLY APRIL WHEN SAME SUBJECT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED.

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-2- 41, JULY 6, 5 PM, FROM SAIGON. DAVIS REPORT THAT BEEN DISCLOSED THAT ARE BEING CONSIDERED. HE STATED IN HIS REVELATION THAT AT THAT TIME HE HAD SAID THERE WOULD BE NO RPT NOT MINISTERIAL CHANGES UNTIL AFTER NATIONAL ELECTIONS. HE THEN SAID THAT HE ALSO HAD HEARD THAT TUYEN WAS TO HEAD UP NEW DIRECTORY OR BUREAU FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN PRESIDENCY. LUONG SAID TUYEN DID HEAD UP POLITICAL BUREAU OF PRESIDENCY. NATIONAL WAS ASSIGNED EVERYONE

LUONG SAID STORY ON VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER THUAN WAS STARTED BY THE BUDDHISTS. RETURNING TO SUBJECT OF TUYEN, LUONG SAID TUYEN HAS ANNOUNCED IN WL CIRCLES THAT HE NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTABLE TO CAIRO AS VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR. THIS ACCORDING TO LUONG IS ABSOLUTELY NOT TRUE; TRUTH IS:

- A. TUYEN IS SCHEDULED TO GO TO CAIRO;
- B. UAR GOVERNMENT HAS AS YET NOT REPLIED TO GVN ON TUYEN ON RECENT APPOINTMENT;
- C. TUYEN WEEK AGO PRESENTED FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH LIST OF SEVERAL PERSONS HE PROPOSED AS CANDIDATES TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO CAIRO.

BEGIN TEXT

ACCORDING LUONG, NEWSWEEK HAS PUBLISHED EXCERPTS OF REPUBLICAN YOUTH'S "STUDY DOCUMENT NO. 3" ON BUDDHIST SITUATION. LUONG WANTED ASSURE ME THAT DOCUMENT IN QUESTION WAS NOT SECRETLY INSTRUCTIONS TO REPUBLICAN YOUTHS. HE SAID THAT NEITHER PRESIDENT DIEM OR NHU HAVE EVER GIVEN SECRET INSTRUCTIONS TO REPUBLICAN YOUTHS. WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED WAS THAT AFTER 16 JUNE ACCORDS SIGNED, COUNSELLOR NHU HAD ISSUED PROCESS VERBAL TO REPUBLICAN YOUTHS, WHICH WAS INTENDED FOR PURPOSE OF RECEIVING CRITIQUE OF GVN'S ACTION. IT WAS, ACCORDING TO LUONG, NORMAL PROCEDURE FOR "POLITICAL PARTIES" TO ISSUE PROCES VERBAL ON ANY ISSUE.

(COMMENT: REFERENCE TO REPUBLICAN YOUTH AS POLITICAL PARTY IS INTERESTING). ACCORDING TO LUONG, THIS IS MEANS TO STIMULATE PEOPLE AND MAKE THEM FEEL THAT THEY ARE PARTICIPATING IN AFFAIRS OF THEIR NATION. LUONG HIMSELF SENT PROCES VERBAL TO ALL PROVINCE CHIEFS -- HIS PURPOSE WAS TO GET "RICE ROOT" REACTION IN PROVINCES ON GVN-BUDDHIST ACCORDS. MOST EXTREME OPINION VOICED WAS THAT OF ONE PROVINCE CHIEF (UNNAMED) THAT GVN HAS NO RPT NO RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE WITH ANY GROUP, AND THAT GVN SHOULD HAVE TAKEN FIRM HAND WITH BUDDHISTS AND ORDERED THEM TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNMENT EDICTS.

UNFORTUNATELY, LUONG CONTINUED, BUDDHISTS GOT HOLD OF PROCES VERBAL OF 18 JUNE 1963 AND PASSED COPY TO NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT

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MCCABE, WHO SENT WHOLE THING OVER PRESS WIRE. THIS UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR IS BEING QUITE MISUNDERSTOOD BECAUSE, TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT, IT APPEARS THAT REPUBLICAN YOUTHS WERE BEING ASKED TO REVOLT AGAINST ACCORDS. THIS ALSO LUONG DENIED. ACCORDING TO LUONG, RESULT OF PROCES VERBALE TO REPUBLICAN YOUTHS REVEALED THAT RY RPT RY WERE NOT IN ACCORD GVN. THE OUTSTANDING CRITICISM OF RY WAS ASSURANCE THAT GVN WOULD CHANGE LAW NO. 10 BY CERTAIN DATE. ACCORDING TO RY CRITIQUE OF GVN, INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE HAD NO RIGHT TO ASSURE BUDDHISTS OF CHANGE OF LAW 10. LEGAL WAY TO CHANGE LAW 10 IS BY LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE. SINCE THERE IS SEPARATION OF AUTHORITY IN GVN BETWEEN EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES, INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ASSUMED POWER OF LEGISLATIVE WHICH, ACCORDING TO RY THEY HAD NO RIGHT TO DO.

LUONG INDICATED THAT MAIN BUDDHISTS FEAR IS THAT RY WILL HOLD COUNTER MANIFESTATIONS TO BUDDHIST DEMONSTRATIONS. LUONG ASSURED ME NHU HAD NO RPT NO INTENTION OF ALLOWING RY TO TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST GVN-BUDDHIST ACCORDS, BUT WAS ONLY PERMITTING RY TO CRITIQUE GVN, WHICH IS "DEMOCARTIC PROCESS", AND TO STIMULATE THEIR THINKING. SINCE RY DOCUMENT HAD GOTTEN OUT OF CONTEXT, NHU ISSUED ON 5 JULY 1963 LETTER NO. 4. THIS LETTER EXPLAINS TO RY THAT NOW THAT THEY HAVE HAD THEIR CHANCE TO CRITICIZE GOVERNMENT THEY MUST REMAIN CALM. WHATEVER RY THINK THEY MUST KEEP IT TO THEMSELVES. RY MUST RESPECT LAW, REMAIN PASSIVE, NOT RESORT TO USE OF ARMS, AND SUPPORT GVN.

ACCORDING TO LUONG THERE IS MUCH POPULAR UNREST, WHICH HAS BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT BY BUDDHISTS. LATTER HAVE VC RPT VC BACKING AND THEY ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF BLACKMAILING GVN. DAILY, BONZES ARE CALLING WITH COMPLAINTS. THEY CALL MINISTERS, SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND POLICE, COMPLAINING ABOUT IMAGINARY INJUSTICES, ARRESTS, DISCRIMINATION. ALMOST DAILY ONE OR MORE MINISTERS CALLED BY ONE OF SENIOR BONZES FROM HUE ASKING FOR REDRESS OF SOME FORM OR ANOTHER. EVERY ONE OF COMPLAINTS PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BETWEEN GVN AND BONZES AND STILL THEY INSIST IN PURSUING THEIR HARASSING TACTICS. LUONG CONTINUOUSLY MAINTAINED

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EMERGING LINE IS UNWARRANTED. FROM COMMISSIONER'S NARRATIVE  
 BEEN DISCLOSED BETWEEN GVN AND BOMBER WHO LEFT THEM IN 1961 IN  
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SA ONE OF SENIOR BOMBER FROM HUE YAKING FOR NEEDLESS OF SOME LOAN  
 THAT VC ARE INVOLVED. HE SAID THAT GVN MINISTERS, INCLUDING  
 HIMSELF, ARE RECEIVING THREATENING LETTERS, MOST OF THEM  
 ANONYMOUS. THESE LETTERS, SOME OF WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS  
 INSULTING, THREATENED MINISTERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND INTIMATE  
 FRIENDS. LUONG SAID HE REALLY HAS NOT HAD FAMILY LIFE FOR OVER  
 TWO MONTHS ON ACCOUNT OF BUDDHISTS.

I ASKED HIM IF HE HAD ANY OTHER EXAMPLES OF UNREST. HE ANSWERED IN  
 NEGATIVE. LUONG DID SAY THAT MILITARY IS NOT CAUSING ANY PROBLEMS.  
 HE REITERATED THAT UNREST STEMS FROM VC, THE BUDDHISTS, AND  
 DISSIDENT POLITICAL GROUPS. END TEXT.

WHO ISSUED ON 20 JULY 1963 LETTER NO. 4. THIS LETTER EXPLAINS  
 COMMENT: RE FIRST PARA. IF LUONG SAW ME ON JULY 3 IT WAS AT A  
 DISTANCE. IT IS INTERESTING TO SPECULATE WHETHER DIEM INFORMED  
 HIM OF SUBJECT MY APPROACH.

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 TRUEHEART

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