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SUBJECT: SAIGON STUDENT UNION PLANS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS TO
COINCIDE WITH NATIONWIDE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN
THE UNITED STATES

ACC: VIETNAM, SAIGON

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1. THE SAIGON STUDENT UNION (SSU) IS CURRENTLY PREPARING FOR A RALLY AND DEMONSTRATION TO TAKE PLACE ONE OR TWO DAYS BEFORE 30 MAY 1970. THE TIMING OF THESE ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN COORDI-

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NATED WITH THE AMERICAN NATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (NSA) SO THAT THE DEMONSTRATIONS WILL COINCIDE WITH NATIONWIDE DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES SCHEDULED FOR 30 MAY AND FOR WHICH NSA AND OTHER AMERICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS ARE CURRENTLY PLANNING. THE NSA ASKED THE SSU TO CONDUCT ITS DEMONSTRATIONS BEFORE THOSE IN THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO GIVE AMERICAN GROUPS THE ADDITIONAL PROOF THAT THE VIETNAMESE STUDENTS ALSO DEMAND AN END TO THE WAR IN VIETNAM, ALSO WANT GREATER STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND ALSO DEPLORE THE RECENT DEATHS ON AMERICAN CAMPUSES.

2. THE SSU HOPES TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT PARTICIPATION BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SAIGON FEDERATION OF LABOR UNIONS AND BY THE BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION, LIEN HOA. THE PLANNED ASSEMBLY POINT FOR THE DEMONSTRATION WILL BE AT THE QUACH TRI TRANG SQUARE (LOCATED NEAR THE CENTRAL MARKET), FROM WHERE THE PROCESSION WILL MOVE PAST THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING TO THE RESIDENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND THEN BACK TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THE GROUP WILL STAY AWAY FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE BECAUSE OF THE SECURITY BARRICADES LOCATED

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THERE, AND IT WILL PROBABLY ALSO AVOID THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
BECAUSE OF SECURITY PRECAUTIONS THAT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE TAKEN
THERE.

3. THE SSU WILL NOT REQUEST OFFICIAL SANCTION TO HOLD
THE RALLY AND PARADE. IF POLICE OR MILITARY TROOPS ARE
SUMMONED TO REPRESS THEIR ACTIVITIES, THE DEMONSTRATORS WILL
DISPERSE INTO SMALL ROVING BANDS AND ATTACK AND SET FIRE TO
NUMEROUS GASOLINE STATIONS THROUGHOUT SAIGON. IF THE GOVERN-
MENT DOES NOT OPPOSE THEM, THE DEMONSTRATORS INTEND TO CAP THE
DAY'S ACTIVITIES WITH A "CEREMONY FOR PEACE" WHICH
WILL BE STAGED EITHER IN FRONT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
BUILDING OR AT THE QUACH TRI TRANG SQUARE.

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