PHOENIX PROGRAM WEEKLY REPORT -- June 15, 1970

1. Report
2. GVN Decrees
MACCROS-PIKH
SUBJECT: Biweekly Report No. 12

15 June 1970

I. (U) General. This report provides information on significant PHOENIX/PHUNG HOANG activities during the period 31 May - 13 June 1970.

II. (C) Current Activities

A. Personnel.

Colonel James W. Newman has assumed the position of Deputy Director, PHOENIX Directorate vice Colonel Robert E. Jones who departed on 3 June 1970. Colonel Daniel J. Renniesen has been assigned Chief, Plans, Liaison and Training Division, PHOENIX Directorate, vice Colonel Newman.

B. Integration of CPPO into the DGPNP.

1. On 26 May 1970, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Vietnam issued Decree No. 469-SL/THOT/BDPT (Inclosure 1) to integrate the Central PHUNG HOANG Permanent Office (CPPO) into the Directorate General of the National Police (DGPNP) as a separate Bloc.

2. The decree outlines the following points. From the date of the decree, all expenses on operations and management of the new Bloc will be provided by the National Budget. Further, except for the newly established Bloc the PHUNG HOANG Committees and Centers at all echelons will remain the same. At the present time there is no move afoot to disband the PIOCC's and DIOCC's and return agency representatives to their parent organizations. As a result of the changeover, the responsibility for and operation of the PHUNG HOANG Program will gradually shift into National Police hands. Therefore, of immediate concern is the evolutionary placement of PHUNG HOANG Committee Permanent Secretaries under police leadership. Province Coordinators in coordination with police and special branch advisors must determine if they currently have qualified police to run the PIOCC's/DIOCC's and, if not, if they have police assets available who can be trained in the PHUNG HOANG Program.

3. Now is the time to place advisory emphasis on ensuring that, in accordance with SOP 3, the Province NP
Chief is functioning as the First Deputy Chairman of the PIOCC. The Deputy Center Chief of the PIOCC is to be a NP Redactor. The PIOCC Situation Section Chief is to be from the PSB. The District Police Chiefs are to function as the Deputy Center Chief of the DIOCC, and the District PSB Chief is to be the Chief of the Political Sub-Section of the DIOCC.

4. The PHUNG HOANG personnel now assigned to the new Bloc are working with other DGNP personnel to prepare an implementing order to the 26 May 1970 decree. The name of the Bloc in planning documents is the "Security Coordination Bloc". For your information, other DGNP Blocs are: PSB-Bloc, Support Bloc (consisting of NPF, PHU, and Marine Police), Police Bloc (consisting of the Judicial, Administrative and Traffic Police), and the Management Bloc.

5. Since promulgation of the decision to integrate CPHPO into the DGNP as a separate Bloc, LTC Tiep and other PHUNG HOANG personnel have met with COL Hai and other DGNP personnel to work out the details on the integration. COL Hai has directed that:
   a. The new Bloc is to maintain its momentum with the same personnel.
   b. The Admin Bloc and legal personnel of DGNP will work with PHUNG HOANG personnel to produce the detailed "order" required for the integration.
   c. The DGNP must study and pre-plan for supplies and training expenses, but no new funds will be provided DGNP for CY 70. LTC Tiep assured COL Hai that US PHOENIX will continue to support PHUNG HOANG through CY 70.
   d. The new Bloc is now considered established as of 28 May 70.

6. On 9 June 1970, the new Security Coordination Bloc briefed COL Hai, Director General of the National Police, on the background, developments, and current status of the PHUNG HOANG Program. In attendance at the briefing were other DGNP Bloc Chiefs. After the briefing, COL Hai discussed the program at length with Security Coordination Bloc personnel and the other Bloc Chiefs. He affirmed that the new Bloc was fully a part of the DGNP and must be
supported by the other Blocs. He intends to take direct, personal interest in the operation of the Bloc and the conduct of the PHUNG HOANG Program. He asked Bloc personnel to bring to his immediate attention any problem areas he could resolve through National Police channels. He intends to ensure that all police elements at every echelon fully support the PHUNG HOANG Program. Problem areas which can not be resolved through police channels are to be brought to the Prime Minister's attention to be dealt with through command channels. COL Hai will recommend an individual to be the new Bloc Chief after promulgation of the implementing order to the Prime Minister's decree which integrated the CPHTO into the DXNP as a new Bloc.

C. VCI Processing. The Prime Minister signed and dispatched a letter (Inclosure 2) to direct that the goal of processing 2/3 of the captured VCI in 30 days be met. The rising backlog of captured VCI is of important concern to the GVN. PHOENIX Coordinators should be aware of the total number of A, B, and C detainees at the province detention facility and make every effort to encourage province officials to expedite the detainee processing.

D. Training.

1. In Country:

a. The PHOENIX Coordinator Orientation Course (PCOC) 22-70 graduated 26 students on 8 June 1970. The course was the new, condensed 5½-day schedule and proved to be more successful than the longer schedule.

b. PCOC 23-70 is scheduled to commence on 15 June 1970 and will be the final class held at Seminary Camp. It is planned at this time to have Classes 1-71, 6-11 July 1970 and 2-71, 20-25 July 1970 held at the Vung Tau Army Airfield. These dates depend upon the availability of facilities.

2. CONUS: The Military Assistance Security Advisor (MASA) Course for the training of PHOENIX personnel is scheduled to start at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, about 1 September 1970. The class will be 12 weeks in length and has a projected input of 35 students for the first class. Included will be approximately six weeks of language instruction.
MACCORDS-PHX
SUBJECT: Biweekly Report No. 12

E. Support.

1. The request from Region III for continuation of the Regional PHUNG HOANG School through 31 December 1970 has been approved. Purchase Instrument No. 12-70, allocating 2,262,000 piasters, was signed 1 June 1970.

2. Regarding those National Police jeeps which have arrived in-country, programmed for use by US PHOENIX Coordinators, published NP/PSD Commodity Vouchers for Region I were received and forwarded to Region I (these include Commodity Voucher Nos. 176-70, 178/70, and 188/70). In addition, draft Commodity Vouchers pertaining to Regions III and V have been reviewed for publication (the registration numbers and destinations for the NP jeeps shown on these vouchers have been "passed" to Regions III and V). Other jeeps are still being administratively processed by DGNP and PSD representatives. As noted in the last report, the Region PHOENIX Coordinator will be notified as soon as NP/PSD Commodity Vouchers, pertaining to their respective Region, are received by the PHOENIX Directorate.

JOHN H. MASON
Director, PHOENIX

DISTRIBUTION:

Special Assistant to the Ambassador, Mr. Shackley, US Embassy
ACofS, J2 and SRA-VCI Division
ACofS, J3 and J311
ACofS, J4
ACofS, CORDS
D/PSC/TSN/CORDS
D/PSD/CORDS
D/Chieu Hoi/CORDS
D/RAD/CORDS
D/MSD/CORDS
PHOENIX Coordinators
Each Region and CHD
Each Province
Each District
THE PRIME MINISTER


Considering Decree # TT/SL dated September 1, 1969 prescribing the composition of the Government.

Considering Decree #19-SL/NV dated November 22, 1967 prescribing the functions of the Minister of the Interior.

Considering Decree #176-SL/NV dated December 26, 1968 and subsequent documents prescribing the responsibility and organizational structure of the National Police.

Considering Decree #280-a TT/SL dated July 1, 1968 prescribing the establishment of the PHUNG HOANG Plan.

ISSUES THE FOLLOWING DECREES

No. 069-SL/Th.T/BDPT

ARTICLE 1

It is hereby incorporated the Central PH Permanent Office prescribed by PH SOP 1 dated July 23, 1968 as a Bloc into the National Police.

ARTICLE 2

The organization and management of this Bloc will be prescribed by an order.

ARTICLE 3

Personnel of the agencies represented at the Central PH Committee continue to be assigned to the newly established Bloc to coordinate operations.

ARTICLE 4

All PH Committees and Centers, except the newly-established Bloc at national level, remains in the same status.

ARTICLE 5

All expenditures on the operations and management of the Bloc will be paid by the National Budget (National Police Chapter).

Inclosure 1
ARTICLE 6

All previously established items contradict this Decree will be canceled.

ARTICLE 7

Minister of Interior, Minister of Defense, Minister of RD, Minister of CHIEU NOI and Minister of the Prime Minister Office, each according to his responsibility, carry-out this Decree.

Saigon May 26, 1970

TRAN THIEN KIEM

/s/s
Republic of Vietnam
Office of the Prime Minister
CPDC/CC

Saigon, 21 May 1970

No. 1521/PTHT/BNPT

From: Prime Minister
To: Chairman of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th CTZ/PDC's
Chairman of Prefectural, Provincial/Municipal PDC's

Subject: Judgment of 2/3 of Captured VCI Monthly

The 1970 PD Plan requires the provinces to judge 2/3 of the captured VCI per month and the VCI cannot be counted as neutralized until they have been sentenced by the province security committee, not including those VCI who are killed or rally to the government.

In addition, the CPDC has distributed many directives reminding the provinces to hold weekly meetings of their Security Committees to judge captured VCI to save a backlog of offenders who are held in prison too long a time that may adversely affect the Government's policy lines.

The 1970 PD Plan, Phase I, has been implemented for over four months, but the above directive was not properly observed. The backlog of offenders gets higher and higher and VCI are counted as neutralized before they are judged by the local security committee.

It is instructed that all CTZ, Prefectural, Provincial/Municipal PDC's correct this situation and correctly observe the directives pertaining to the neutralization of VCI, which have been distributed.

TRAN THIEN KHIEM
s/s
Subject: Phong Heng Review

1. Copies of the attached report were sent to the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Deputy Assistant Secretary Sullivan, and CINCPAC. An oral indication in a staff meeting that he was generally satisfied with the oral presentation given him on 17 December, 1970, for written follow-up from Washington levels on this report. We shall send these as they arrive.

2. Meanwhile, I believe that we should initiate action on all recommendations, in the context of having received that to the Secretary of Defense and received his overall approval of the course of action outlined. We should request to discuss with him on his arrival here our progress on the various recommendations made herein.

3. Thus may I request:

a. Specific would follow-up on each of the recommendations outlined here. For example, the actions which require Washington action should be the subject of cable or other communication requesting the kind of support required. Actions calling for implementation by CINCPAC should be the subject of specific follow-up here at the appropriate level. Copies of this report have been made available to the President, the Prime Minister and the Chief.

b. This set of recommendations should be implementable to but can be integrated with the Phong Heng improvement program currently being implemented.

c. A status report should be developed on a monthly basis on each of the recommendations outlined here. I would like the first such status report to be made available approximately 7 January preparatory to the Secretary's visit.
SUBJECT: Phung Hoang Review 2 January 1971

d. I would hope that the reporting system referred to herein which are expected to produce during January might have at least some initial results for us by the time of the SecDef's visit.

e. I would like to set up a meeting with NSCPT to review the current status of the Phung Hoang program and the attached recommendations, to go over with him ways to obtain action on them. I would like this meeting to take place before the SecDef visit, if possible.

Attachment

cc: Chief of Staff