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## INTELLIGENCE REPORTS FROM THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL'S VIETNAM INFORMATION GROUP, 1967-1975



Primarily Department of State cables and CIA intelligence information cables concerning South and North Vietnam. Topics include the Vietnam War, U.S.-South Vietnam relations, South Vietnam's political climate, opposition groups, religious sects, ethnic groups, labor unions, corruption, press censorship, the North Vietnam's military and economy, peace negotiations, and events in Cambodia and Laos.

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### **Detailed Description:**

The Vietnam Information Group consisted of NSC staff members responsible for monitoring cable traffic from other agencies reporting on events in South and North Vietnam. The collection consists primarily of State Department cables and Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) intelligence information cables. In addition, this collection includes a variety of reports, memoranda, and clippings.

This collection provides important background information on the Vietnamese war and its impact on life in South and North Vietnam. The materials on South Vietnam primarily concern relations with the United States, the country's political climate, and the many problems plaguing the government. There is information on the role and interests of key political figures, the military, opposition groups, communist-sponsored organizations operating in the south, religious sects, ethnic groups, and labor unions, as well as censorship of the press, government corruption, and the peace negotiations.

*Specific topics include:* US-South Vietnamese relations; South Vietnam's political climate; the role and activities of the government, including its problem with corruption and censorship of the press; peace process; South Vietnam's political parties; key political figures; opposition groups; communist-sponsored organizations; religious sects; ethnic groups; labor unions; disabled veterans; Montagnards, National Liberation Front, Provisional Revolutionary Government, and Buddhist and Catholic political organizations; individuals such as Dr. Phan Quang Dan, Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky, General Duong Van "Big" Minh, and

President Nguyen Van Thieu; peace negotiations materials discuss the Saigon government's negotiation stances and its reactions to U.S.-Hanoi talks.

Materials on North Vietnam primarily concern their military and the diplomatic efforts aimed at gaining peace and ultimately the unification of North and South Vietnam. There is information about the military's operations in the south, Hanoi's attempts to infiltrate and influence the south politically, its relations with China and the Soviet Union, the war's impact on the economy, foreign aid, the Paris peace talks, and subsequent violations of the Paris agreements.

*Specific topics include:* North Vietnamese military; the war's impact on the country; leading generals, their tactics and strategy, the number of troops, their deployment and morale, and the types and sources of military equipment funneled south; North Vietnamese relations with China and the Soviet Union; the state of their economy; sources of foreign aid; food production, and the general hardships endured by the civilian population. The materials on the peace negotiations document the negotiation stances and tactics of the North Vietnamese government and violations of the Paris agreements.

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