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ROM DIRECTION CENTER TAKEN R NOT RPT NOT L FORCES E. HAS INFORMED 25X1X RED NECERCHIEF TROOPS POURING INTO SAIGON FROM DIRECTION BIEN HOA, PRESUMABLY MARINES. TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER TAKEN BY THESE FORCES. REPEAT TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER NOT RPT NOT NAVY YARD ALSO APPARENTLY TAKEN. ADDITIONAL FORCES PTT. CONTINUE TO ENTER. MAGNITUDE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

AS OF 1345 HRS SAIGON TIME, CONEIN THAT THE COUP IS IN PROGRESS.

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STATE AS FOLLOWS:

POLICE COMPOUND TAKEN BY MARINES MINISTRY OF DEFENSE TAKEN BY MARINES MSS HQB BLOCKED BY MARINES MSS CAPITAL HMS HQS STILL FREE AND OPEN MARINES FROM QUANG TRUNG TRAINING CENTER

ALSO FIGHTING IS REPORTED IN VIETNAMESE SPECIAL FORCES AREA X AT TAN SON NHUT. THIS CONFIRMED BY CAS OFFICER RESIDING NEARBY.

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CONEIN REPORTS FROM HGS HQS THAT COL TUNG CAPTURED BY GENERALS AND HAS BEEN GIVEN ORDERS TO ISSUE CEASE FIRE. CAS OBSERVERS ADD PRESIDENTIAL GUARD BARRACKS HAVE BEEN ENTERED BY INSURGENTS BUT FIGHTING DOES NOT APPEAR INTENSE RPT DOES NOT APPEAR INTENSE.

GIA LONG PALACE SURROUNDED AND ARMORED UNITS MOVING THROUGH THE CITY.

FIGHTING HAS CEASED AT VNSF COMPOUND.

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ALL BELOW EYE WITNESS OF CAS OFFICERS:

FIGHTING IN PROGRESS AT GIA LONG PALACE WITH APPROX 200 TROOPS OBSERVED AND APPARENTLY STRONG FIRE FIGHT.

CONEIN REPORTS FROM JGS THAT AIR FORCE CHIEF, COLONEL HUYNH HUU HIEN, ALSO TAKEN PRISONER AND HAS BEEN ORDERED TO PLACE AIR FORCE AT DISPOSITION GENERALS. 35 ARMORED CARS BEGINNING ROLL FROM JGS TOWARD PALACE. SEARCH UNDER WAY FOR TUNG'S BROTHER, VNSF DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, WHO TO BE TAKEN PRISONER IMMEDIATELY.

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FOLLOWING FROM CONEIN AT JGS HQS FROM GENS BIG MINH AND DON AND EYE WITNESS OBSERVATION:

FOLLOWING ARE PRISONERS AT JGS:

COL TUNG, POLICE COMMISSIONER TU, AIR FORCE COMMANDER HIEN, AIRBORNE COMMANDER COL VIEN, MARINE COMMANDER KHANG,

CIVIL GUARD COMMANDER LAM, NAVY COMMANDER QUYNHX KILLED KXKKKWXMØRXN MORNING 1 NOV IN PREMATURE ACTION BY NAVY.

GENS ATTEMPTING CONTACT PALACE BY TELEPHONE BUT UNABLE TO DO SO. THEIR PROPOSITION AS FOLLOWS: IF THE PRESIDENT WILL RESIGN IMMEDIATELY, THEY WILL GUARANTEE HIS BAFETY AND THE SAFE DEPARTURE OF THE PRESIDENT AND NGO DINH NHU. IF THE PRESIDENT REFUSES THESE TERMS, THE PALACE WILL BE ATTACTED WITHIN THE HOUR BY AIR FORCE AND ARMOR.

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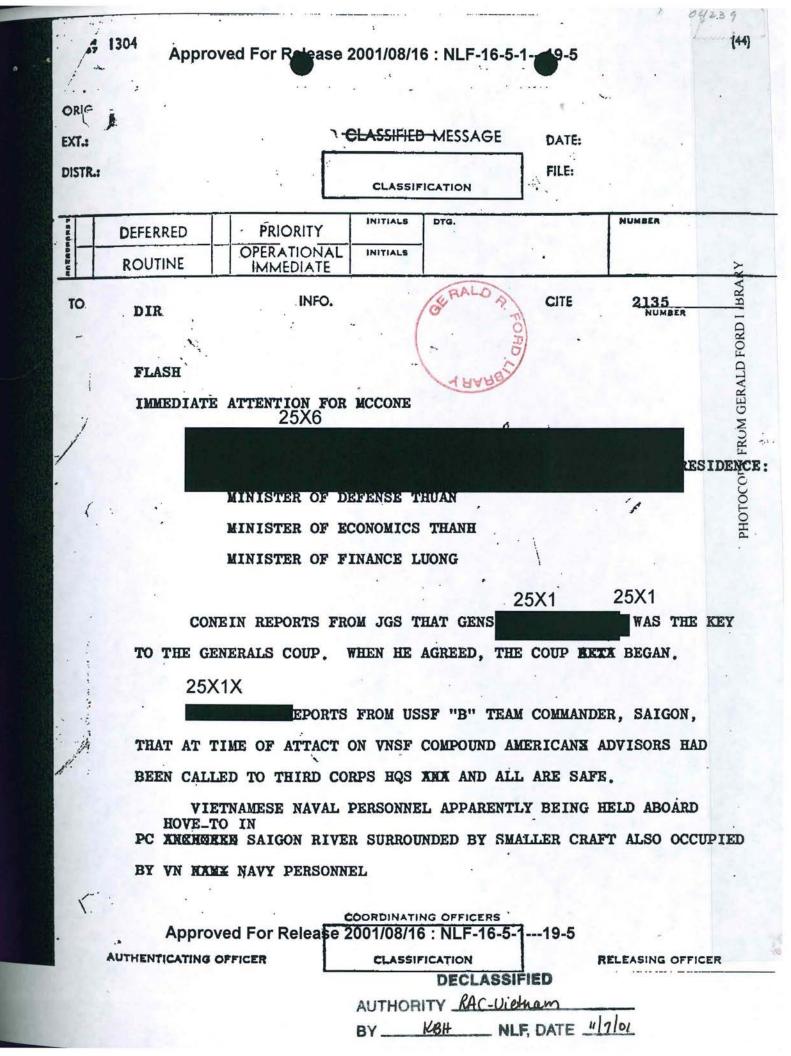
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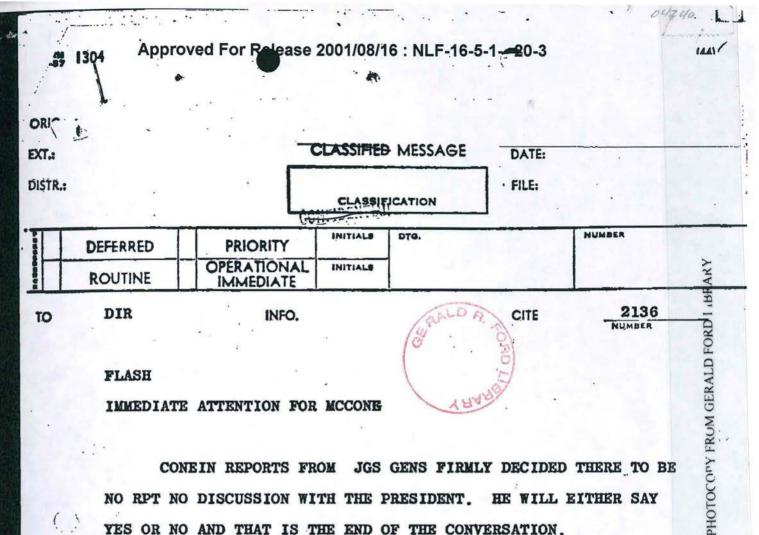
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CONEIN REPORTS FROM JGS GENS FIRMLY DECIDED THERE TO BE NO RPT NO DISCUSSION WITH THE PRESIDENT. HE WILL EITHER SAY YES OR NO AND THAT IS THE END OF THE CONVERSATION.

KENK CAS OFFICER OBSERVED FOUR AD-6 FIGHTER BOMBERS WITH MUNITIONS ABOARD AT APPROX 10,000 FT OVER SAIGON AT 1515.

HEAVY FIGHTING INCLUDING ARMOR. SMALL ARMS, AND POSSIBLY SOME LIGHT ARTILLARY VICINITY PALACE AS OF 1530 HRS.

CONEIN REPORTS FROM JGS GENS ABSOLUTELY REFUSE BISCUSS ANY FOR A OUTER ANSWER BUT READY TO ATTACE. CONSIDER CONSIDERED. GENS HAVE MONITORED RADIO BROADCAST FROM PALACE TO FIRST AND SECOND CORPS AND 21ST DIVISION BORADCASTS STATES COUP ATTEMPTED IN SAIGON BUT ALL INSURGENTS ARRESTED. CAN HEAR FIGHTING FROM EMBASSY. CAN CONFIRM INSURGENTS NOT RPT NOT ARREST Dved For Release 2001/08/16 + M Fc16-5-1---20-3

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TREXTAN CONEIN REPORTS FROM JGS THAT GENS HAVE GROUP OF MATIONALISTISTIC ANTI-COMMUNIST pRO-WESTERN CIVILIAN POLITICIANS WITH THEM AT JGS. THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL HEAD THE NEW CIVIL ADMINISTRATION, THERE WILL BE NO MILITARY PERSONALITIES IN HIGH POSITIONS IN THE NEW GOVERNEMENT. MILITARY HOPES TO TURN OVER GOVERNMENT TO THE CIVILIANS WITHIN TWO TO THREE DAYS.

GENS HAVE TAPED A PROCLAMATION FOR BROADCAST AND HAVE TAKEN OVER VTVN STUDIOS. HOWEVER, ONE RELAY POINT APPARENTLY BLOWN UP, AND BROADCAST OF PROCLAMATION DELAYED.

NOW AT JGS ARE GENS "BIG" AND "LITTLE" MINH, KHIEM, KIM, XME LE, AND CHIEU. GENS CLAIM GEN KHANH AND GEN TRI ALSO SUPPORTING COUP. GENS REPORT BIEN HOA AND MYTHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY FORCES LOYAL TO THEM.

NOW HEAVY FIRING VICINITY EMBASSY. TRIPLE AAA GOING UP. APPARENTLY DUEL GOING ON BESKERNTALR PAREMAND SHIPS IN RIVER. Approved For Release 2001/08/16 : NLF-16-5-1 --- 21-2

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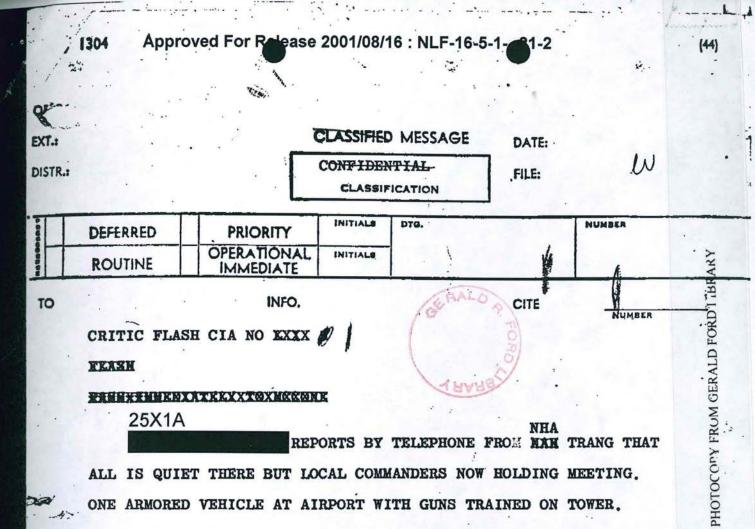
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CONEIN REPORTS FROM JGS GENS CLAIM FOLLOWING UNITS ENGAGED ON THEIR SIDE: 21ST DIV, 5TH DIV, 7TH DIV, 23RD DIV, 22ND DIV. NINTH DIV ALSO SIDING WITH GENS BUT DIVISION COMMANDER & COL DZINH HAS BEEN REPLACED.

EMB MARINE GUARD REPORTS MARINE HOUSE HIT AND APPARENTLY BY STRAFING AIRCRAFT BUT NO CASUALITIES.

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