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DATE: 14 Feb 72

TO: The Brethren

FROM: GACarver, Jr.

SUBJECT: PHUNG HOANG Statement

REMARKS:

Per Mr. Negroponte's request.

George A. Carver, Jr.
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John Negroponte
Senior Staff Member
National Security Council

SUBJECT : PHUNG HOANG Statement

1. Per your request of 10 February, set forth below is a brief statement on the purpose of the PHUNG HOANG Program drafted by my associates and vetted by Mr. Colby, who knows more about this subject than anyone else. Our use of the term PHUNG HOANG is deliberate, since calling this endeavor "PHOENIX" -- an American label -- gives it a U.S. flavor which, in point of fact, it does not now have. "PHUNG HOANG" is a GVN term for a GVN program which should be presented and explained as such:

"The PHOENIX (or more accurately, PHUNG HOANG) Program of the Government of South Vietnam has been created to protect the Vietnamese people from terrorism and political, paramilitary, economic, and subversive pressure from the Communists' clandestine organization in South Vietnam. This organization, which we call the Viet Cong Infrastructure (VCI), is the leadership apparatus of the Communists' subversive effort to overthrow the Government of South Vietnam. The VCI supports the military operations of the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army by providing intelligence, recruits or conscripts, and logistical support. An important element of the VCI's subversive effort is its systematic and deliberate campaign of terrorism against government personnel, elected

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officials, and the general population. The PHUNG HOANG Program is the responsibility of the Director General of National Police and is advised and assisted by U.S. CORDS personnel. The PHUNG HOANG Program includes an intelligence program to identify the members of the VCI, an operational program to apprehend them, a legal program to restrain them, and a detention program to confine them."

2. I hope the above serves Mr. Scali's needs. If anything further is required, please let me know.

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