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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 ~~presence from~~ activities of the Communist clandestine organization in South Vietnam. This organization, the Viet Cong Infrastructure (VCI) is the leadership apparatus of the Communist subversive effort to overthrow the legally established government of South Vietnam. The VCI also 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 campaign of terrorism against government officials, ~~duly~~ elected officials, and the general population. The PHOENIX Program is the responsibility of the Director General of National Police and is advised and assisted by U.S. CORDS personnel. The PHOENIX 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.

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