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SUBJECT: RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM: THE PATRIOTIC  
PEOPLES FORCE (DOI: 1977-1980)

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1. FOLLOWING THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF SAIGON IN APRIL  
1975, MANY FORMER UNITS OF THE ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
(ARVN) WITHDREW TO REMOTE AREAS IN THE SOUTH TO CONTINUE

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EXAMPLE, SAIGON BATTALION NO. 1 (TIEU DOAN SAIGON 1) FOR  
DISTRICTS, OR "SAIGON BATTALION THU DUC", FOR PRECINCTS. IN  
JULY 1980, THE SAIGON BATTALION NO. 1 ASSASSINATED A JUNIOR  
GRADE (CAP UY) OFFICER OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY SERVICE (PSS)

AN ADDITIONAL TASK OF ALL "SAIGON" BATTALIONS  
IN THE FUTURE WILL BE THE ASSASSINATION OF SOVIET ADVISORS IN  
HCM CITY.

7. IN COMMON WITH OTHER RESISTANCE GROUPS, THE FOUR  
REGIMENTS OF THE FRONT NOW SUFFER FROM A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF  
WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION. CAPTURED AK47 ASSAULT RIFLES, U.S.  
MANUFACTURED AR15'S, 16'S, AND 18'S RETAINED FROM PRE-1975 DAYS  
AND A FEW M79 GRENADE LAUNCHERS ARE THE MAIN WEAPONS USED. THE  
FORCE CLAIMS TO HAVE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FROM THE LOCAL POPULACE  
IN ITS OPERATIONAL AREAS, ESPECIALLY FROM THE INHABITANTS  
OF NEW ECONOMIC ZONES. THIS SUPPORT IS MAINLY CONFINED TO  
PROVIDING INTELLIGENCE E.G., REPORTING ON GOVERNMENT MOUNTED  
SWEEP OPERATIONS, VARIATIONS IN LOCAL TROOP DISPOSITIONS, ETC.  
THE FORCE ALSO CLAIMS TO HAVE SOME SYMPATHISERS WITHIN THE RANKS  
OF THE PSS.

HE ALSO PRO-

VIDEO WEAPONS ON A FEW OCCASIONS.

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TO DISCLOSE NAMES OF LEADERS OR EXACT LOCATIONS OF UNITS OR THEIR  
HEADQUARTERS.)

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