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23223 prorosenfeld analysis one saigon the declared stateve war between vietnamese commander inchief Itgen nguyen khanh and american policymakers dash particularly ambassador maxwell ddd taylor undash is neither as significant nor as serious as in the visibly apparent stoppara

quote the big battle looks like an elephant but tis really the tailve age mouse omaunquote vietnamese political observer noted recalling oriental proverb stopquote tis age big fuss about trivia which both sides chose to call important stopunquote para moredeepe

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23230 prorosenfeld analysis two the current big fuss between khanh and the americans is partye oneve the most elaborate most intricate dash etat this time oneve most successful undash campaigns to outmaneuver the one elementye power creating most immediate problem in vietnam dash the militant political buddhist organization stoppara

interest the buddhists have successfully spearheaded topply toppling diem regime last year etkhanh from prime ministers office in august etwere about to deal the crushing blow that would topple immunicate tran van huong et the nineman high national council which apprecial him etthe chiefve state stoppers.

but twas khanh etthe armed forces council he created that

have accepted the buddhist antigovernment campaign semicolon the

armed forces etnotrptnot the buddhists will gain the credit for

toppling an unpopular regime stop while taylor was in washington twas

the political buddhist priests which initiated are little noticed

antitaylor campaing campaign dash but tis khanh that is capitalizing on it

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the net effect is to diminish the political prestige and
the political ert erguments—to sap the political arguments—that the
buddhist organization used to magnatize their mass support stop ritter
the illusion is that khanh has allied himself with the buddhists stop
actually he is moving in apar parallel effour steps aheadve them stop

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23230 prorosenfeld analysis three the in illusion is that by attacking age rightwing catholicback huong prime minister hunong that the buddhists are politicians are supporting khanh stop actually khn khanh has forced the buddhist leadership to accept him as the lesserve the two evils rathern to support him in the an unlimited rangeve candidates stoppara

tactically khanh has chosen supplied to capture the leftwing buddhist masses through a manufacture spectacular antiamerican campaign rathern than to commit himself to their proneutralist policies stoppara

this is considered such aye brilliant strokeve political maneuvering that khanhs own supporters are confused stoppara

but it is of common benefit for both finex khanh and emerican policy stoppera

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23230 prorosenfeld enalysis two khanh and american policy are image inseparably intertwined semicolon both are staunchly anticommunist semicolon the evidence of khanhs anticommunist stand is henry cabot lodge then ambassador immediately decided to support khanh after his january thirty coup in preference to the first military junta that was labeled as proneutralist stoppara

in fact khanh is khanhs policy is often more anticommunist than washington dash as when he launched his campaign to liberate novietnam against washingtons wishest stoppara

most anticommunist organized force in countrys comma khanh is singularly and exclusively the centerve the anticommunist sphere of influence in souvietnem stop khanh is fully in controlve the twenty man armed forces council which dissolved high national council sunday and the quote young turks unquote on the council openly privately acknowledge that khanh descriptions planned the petite coup detat stoppara

politically than in late august when he was routed from office by

prime ministers office by student demonstrations stop since then all

elements of personal or organized opposition to khanh dash reportedly

with american help undash have been washed away stop the dai viet political

party which opposed him in august is leaderless semicolon ligen tran thien

khiem comma his rival for rightwing catholic support comma is now ambassador

in washington stoppara moredeepe

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23234 prorosenfeld analysis three majgen duong van minh comma khanhs political rival for support from buddhists etmilitary competitor for some armed forces elements comma is now discredited while outve country and retired from army stoppara

both these generals were membersve triumvirate with khanh dash but khach only one to survive stop these three created the high national council dash which khanh and his armed forces council overthrew sunday undash and indx an this national council selected the prime minister and the chiefve state stop but now tis khanh who holds the reinsve power stop moredeepe

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23235 prorosenfeld analysis four astute political observers here believe tis only matterve time before area to huong falls etkhanh again most powerful leader in government stoppara

furthermore these observers believe that khanh will have the total etexclusive american support stop its this is consistently denied and never acknowledged dash by khanh etemericans undash while official american position is to back huong government but tis nonetheless considered trans trendve future stoppara moredeepe

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momentary maneuvoring to cepture buildhist support comme the emerican longterm policy in victnam over past year has also been to shift ite basisve support stop lastems while emerica supported catholic president ngo dinh diem the focusve unistates a support was anchored to the militantly anticommunist catholic elements in victnam stop dx after overthrowed diem however american support through mamman successive governments has notrathed only recong recognized mass powerve buildhists but now been forced to deal with its anarchistic tendencies stoppara

while khanh has been shifting his basis baseve p popular support emerican subassy officials here been consistently working to seek aye rapproachment with the buddhists polkt politicians stop the buddhist politicians seek to oppose successive governments as meanage capturing masses semicolon smerican officials want them tax if notrpinot to support american backed governments undash at least notrpinot to topple them stop this is the essence of partice behind scenes mensuvering in saigon which may be more important than antiamerican headlines khanh is creating stop without assurances from buddhists both khanh and americans know future governments in saigon wiel will have difficulty in presecuting anticommunist war stoppara moredeepe

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khanh is important only in that it chooses to call it important dash and hence give khanh concrete grievances to attack stop washingtons consern concern for legal bedies which represent the fabrice aye democratic government is aye reversal of previous emerican policy which summinged supported symmeons detailment on illegal could coup detait against against against negline on popular elections throughout the country at dash which stoppara

though emerican policymakers chose to call high national council worth working with its second president resigned in protest egainst huong government composition semicolon several members were considered procommunist agents who inspired subversive organisations in provinces semicolon handful others was refused showup at meetings etone left for paris step first in assignment was to make draft provisional constitution which been disregarded by all bodies semicolon constitution called for strong provide strongmen invake as chiefve state but they elected weak sickly engineer who delegated decision making step second assignment was to establish recommendations means establishing national congress but had yet to issue draft which various fections could fight over stoppara meredeepe

24012 prorosenfeld analysis nine most significant however high national council was the legal organ which would select future promorman chiefve state and prime ministers dash especially during are crisis stop but the staunchly anticommunisg numberve staunchly anticommunist numbers are pronoutralist government could be have been legally installed stoppara

how now khanh ethis young turks deah all militantly enticommunist undeah being opposed by washington stoppara

washingtons opposition is symbolized here and conveyed by ambassador taylor dash which makes him a convenient target for them khanh to counterettack stoppara

that taylor has skilfilly invited khanhs counterattack is perhaps an indexve the dignity community of the man and the prelude to are more sophisticated american pedfey on the political battlefield in vietnam enditdeepe

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