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SAIGON--Nearly a dozen Viet Cong spies working for the American military headquarters here have been arrested.

Vietnamese counter-espionage agents report they arrested the spies--operating in three-man cells--who were employed for the American military services to obtain housing.

These sources said the arrests were made in late January following the capture of a prized three hundred page document listing addresses; telephone numbers, date of housing contract and owner of American-occupied houses of ranking American personnel in Saigon--including American military commander General William CCC. Westmoreland and Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge.

An American military spokesman would not comment on the matter. He said, "We will not discuss intelligence that has been gathered from the Viet Cong because of the sensitivity of the material."

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The counter-espionage agents are also known to be investigating whether aye chunk of the exorbitant rental rates paid by ~~Amer~~² Americans--including generals--to Vietnamese villa-owners and billet-~~one~~² owners ^{IN TURN GIVEN} is/being paid as protection money to the Viet Cong. ^{VALUABLE}

The immense detail of the prized three hundred page document--including date the contract was signed, the Vietnamese owners' name and the amount of rent paid by the Americans--created suspicion on the Vietnamese employees working for American ~~and~~² military housing sections. These employees were interrogated, confessed their guilt and ~~were~~² were arrested.

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Exposure of the ~~main~~² clandestine cells has lead to ~~widespread~~^{the} widespread ~~questioning~~ interrogation of other Vietnamese working for American official agencies. A thorough-going shake-up is predicted.

In addition to the dozen or so Vietn Cong spies working for the Americans, more than eightyfive other Viet Cong were arrested for attempting to subvert Saigon schools, government agencies and private enterprises.

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More than thirty Vietnamese high school and ~~univ~~ers university students were arrested following their self-confessions of being members of the "Viet Cong Combat Youth" operating in the Saigon educational system. ~~More~~ An undisclosed number of low-ranking Vietnamese government civil servants and small businessmen were also seized, by the counter-espionage agents.

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The arrested students, as members of the Viet Cong Combat Youth, had received military training in ~~fire~~^{fire} shooting pistols, rifles and conducting sabotage raids with grenades. These students, also operating in three-man cells, were hard-core members of the Viet Cong-led Pupil-Student League for Saigon-Cholon-Gia Dinh. Cholon is the Chinese-populated twin city of Saigon; Gia Dinh is the pivotal doughnut-shaped province entirely surrounding Saigon.

The students were arrested from only two of Saigon's public high schools and technical vocational schools, but ~~reliable~~^{Additional} sources reported that three-man Viet Cong cells are also operating within the other eighteen schools of the Saigon lower educational system, plus some of the Saigon university colleges. According to

RELIABLE SOURCES,

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Students in the other schools are in the process of being interrogated by the under-staffed Vietnamese security agencies. American ~~for~~ security agencies have no ~~no~~ authorization to interrogate or arrest Vietnamese citizens.

Viet Cong documents leading to the one hundred ~~arrest~~ arrests thus far were ~~obtained~~ captured last month on "Operation Crimp," the 5000-man ~~campaign~~ American-Australian campaign which combed labyrinths of Viet Cong tunnels in the famed Ho Bo Woods twenty five miles northwest of Saigon. ~~Over~~ Over-running the headquarters of the Viet Cong committee for Saigon-Cholon-Gia Dinh, the allied troops captured more than two truck-fuls of documents in one of the greatest hauls of its kind in the history of the war.

Among the other documents captured was a hand-written article of self-criticism authored by a Vietnamese journalist who once worked on a leading Vietnamese-language newspaper (now closed). The Vietnamese journalist, ~~named~~ who was once a member of the Communist People's Revolutionary Party in South Vietnam, escaped the police and fled to the Viet Cong zone.

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Other seizures included thousands of biographical sketches of Viet Cong cadre and pro-Viet Cong sympathizers working in the Saigon area, but the names were ~~code~~ ^{which prevented} in code to prevent hasty police raids.

American GI's reported that once Saigonese learned of the enormous haul of captured documents some of their favorite bar hostesses fled town, indicating they were possibly part of the Viet Cong ~~intelligence~~ ³ intelligence organization designed to obtain information from the allied troops.

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