

September 2, 1963
Secret Telegram from Maneli (Saigon) to Spasowski
(Warsaw)[Ciphergram No. 11289]

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Summary:

Cable from Polish official in Saigon, Maneli, notifying Warsaw that the coup d'etat against Diem and installation of the American military junta is to be executed soon. Notes the inclinations of Diem and Nhu.

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From...Saigon.....dispatched on 9.2 at 8:00.....received on 9.2. at 7:40 hours.....
Came in to the Decoding Department...9.2 at 15:00 hours.....

Spasowski

1. On Sunday night [1 September 1963] Ambassador Lalouette reported:

a) According to Washington's decision, Lodge's mission is based on ousting Diem and the family. The coup d'etat is expected any hour, any time. The American military junta will be set up. The Americans paid off some generals, among others the new leader Duong [Van Minh, or "Big Minh"].

b) Diem-Nhu are inclined to announce a declaration regarding the willingness to comply with the Geneva Accords, to carry out de Gaulle's [29 August 1963] statement, [and] to demand the withdrawal of the Americans. They would like to know, however, what the reaction of the North would be.

2. I suppose that given the above, Nhu invited me for a conversation. It will occur in a few hours.

No. 398

Deciphered on 9.2 at 18:30 hours

Deciphered by Cheba, checked by Fiutowski