

**Hungarian Embassy to North Vietnam, Report, 24 June 1957.  
[Summary]**

The author of the report stated that currently there were some 130,000 state officials in North Vietnam (not including soldiers, policemen, and state security men). Of these, 69% had completed first-stage education (1st-4th classes), 9% completed second-stage education (5th-7th classes), 2% completed third-stage education (8th-9th classes) and approximately 20%, having completed the first stage, were currently in the second stage. Of the 130,000, 7,000 were cooks working in state offices; 33,000 got salaries from the state but they actually had no jobs; 1,600 were dissatisfied with their jobs and therefore they did not work. In January 1957, 27% of the officials had been ill, and this percentage proved as high as 68% in March 1957. Thus of the 130,000, no more than some 13,000 were actually working in the offices at that time. A great number of the state officials were from South Vietnam (most of the dissatisfied 1,600 belonged to that category); in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 70% of the cadres were of southern origin, and in certain other ministries this percentage was still higher.

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