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570.1 Vietnamese Refugees

Two DRV "Red Cross advisors" to comite supervising repatriation Vietnamese refugees arrived Bangkok Nov 2. They are same two who negotiated Rangoon agreement, Dr. Nguyen Van Thu and Nguyen Van Luu.

According Bangkok WORLD, only Thai, aside from press, to meet them was Kalan Amatayakun of Interior Ministry who "representing Thai Red Cross." Thu quoted saying first duty to meet Thai Red Cross and examine repatriation arrangements. Said repatriates would be welcome in DRV because "my Gvt needs more men to develop country... We are preparing homes for them all and looking forward to their return". When asked if he would visit Northeast Thailand areas where refugees living, Thu said he could not answer.

Kalan, however, told press two men here "only as observers and will not be permitted out of town." Added that Thai Red Cross

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chairman of comite, Phra Tiranasan, would return from Northeast next week and mtgs likely to start when he gets back.

Arrival time too late for vernacular press coverage.

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