

SECTION 7

NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF SOUTH VIET-NAM

1963 – 1976



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INTRODUCTION TO SECTION 7

This section parallels in time, stamp and commemorative events, of Sections 3 and 6 (Republic of Viet-Nam, **Việt-Nam Cộng-Hòa**, and Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, **Việt-Nam Dân-Chủ Cộng-Hòa**).

The *Geneva Accords* of 1954 (20 July, 1954) portioned historic Viet-Nam (Tonkin, Annam, and Cochin-China) into the north (Democratic Republic of Viet Nam) and the south (State of Viet-Nam). Elections to unify the whole country, as stipulated by the Geneva Accords, did not occur. A state of war existed between the two governments. After the revolution of 1955, or coup-d'état depending on your political perspective, the Republic of Viet-Nam succeeded the State of Viet-Nam. This government suffered a series of internal revolutions starting with the overthrow of the Diem government in 1963 leading ultimately to the Second Republic in 1967.

Unification of the whole of historic Viet-Nam was the goal of both governments, north and south.

With support and sponsorship of the north, the National Liberation Front for South Viet-Nam (**M.T.D.T.G.P Miền-Nam Việt-Nam**) was founded in 1960. This liberation front subsequently became a full provisional government in exile with the founding of the Republic of South Viet-Nam (**Cộng-Hòa Miền-Nam Việt-Nam**) in 1969

Due to the uncertainty of many issue and commemorative dates, and the large number of known bogus and forgeries, the section is by necessity a “work-in-progress”.

I freely solicit comments, of whatever nature, to add in the revision of this Section, and for application to future Sections.

Philatelic commemorative events during this period were, in the very large majority, memorialized by means of large circular commemorative cancellations applied to covers without standard circular date stamps (CDS). I list different cachet designs and will indicate color varieties. It is doubtful that all cachets will ever be known.

Commemorative cancellations are illustrated separately when possible, based on the original cover and the quality of the impression.

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