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1. Ely informed us 1800 on 30th that POEMIN Tran Van Do and Ministers of Social Action and Public Health, all members of political group Tinh Than, had just resigned.

2. In conversation with Ely Do said that he had resigned to oblige govt to resume negotiations with sects, and so avoid violence, and to force Dien to form a new govt. Do said that his resignation was unconditional. However he did not repeat not exclude possibility of joining a new govt.

3. Ely feels that already serious internal security problem ^{now} is/being complicated by major political crisis.

4. If correct, as I assume this is, Dien's cabinet now reduced to handful of minor figures. This may induce him to call off projected action which CAS has informed us Vietnamese Army might undertake against Binh Xuyen night 30/31. It does present most grave political crisis, since without prompt formation of new cabinet, which will be most difficult, Dien will essentially be governing alone.

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