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PROGRESS REPORT ON WORK RELATING TO GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES  
IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM  
(1967-1972)

Report prepared by the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam

Pending the establishment of the National Commission on Toponymy, which has been the subject of more than one proposal by the National Geographical Directorate of the Ministry of National Defence, the Directorate is at present the only body in the Republic of Viet-Nam dealing specifically with geographical names.

The work on toponymy from 1967 to 1972, which is the subject of this report, falls into five basic categories:

- (a) Extensive co-ordination and expansion of toponymic research
- (b) Compilation
- (c) Standardization of rules for transcription
- (d) Preparations for compiling the Dictionary of Geographical Names

I. CO-ORDINATION AND EXPANSION OF TOPONYMIC RESEARCH

Efforts have been made to extend international co-ordination and expand toponymic research within the country.

At the Sixth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East, held in October 1970 at Teheran, Iran, the Republic of Viet-Nam, together with Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and the Republic of the Philippines (the Khmer Republic and Laos were absent), designated Thailand as their representative in the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, which met in New York in February 1971.

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