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Present: Thanh Quang Nhiên, Haney, Huệ.

Service of Planning and relationship with foreign Countries.

Mr. Nhiên point out that his service is a service of reflection.

His service is only in charge to draft the policy. L'office des changes is in charge of the financial attributions.

The Service of Planning includes:

A. - Bureau of planning of Import-Expert: which draft the annual and three months plan of Import and Export -- then to control the carrying out of that plan.

B. - Bureau of commercial agreements: study agreements, projects of agreements, negociation, missions, control of execution.

The Bureau of international conferences was formerly attached to this service -- but depends now to the General Secretary (Mr. Nhiên dixit). An order of Service issued the bureau of Planning and bureau of Commercial agreements to the General Directorate of trade but in fact, this service is still within the Secretariate General.

At present the staff is composed by:

- 1 chief of service
- 1 Secretary
- 2 typists

The Service of Planning being a central service does not work in field. It runs only at the Government level.

Mr. Nhiên suggests that his service depends directly to the Secretary of State. It is an important service for a long range policy.

Mr. Nhiên proposes that his service carries all foreign and economical relationships:

- plan for import and export
- commercial agreements
- Fairs and exhibitions
- Aid to exportation
- designation to exportation (actually to the General Directorate of Trade)