

The French Connection, Part Deux: Sects And Drugs

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The French Connection

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French Connection, Part Deux

- French Expeditionary Forces
- Binh Xuyen
- Operation X

French Expeditionary Forces

- First Indochina War
- Captain Antoine Savani
 - Corsican Machiavelli
- Major Roger Trinquier
 - Scientific Tactician
- Deuxième Bureau

PSI CLASSICS IN THE COUNTERINSURGENCY ERA

Modern Warfare

A French View
of Counterinsurgency

Roger Trinquier



French Expeditionary Forces

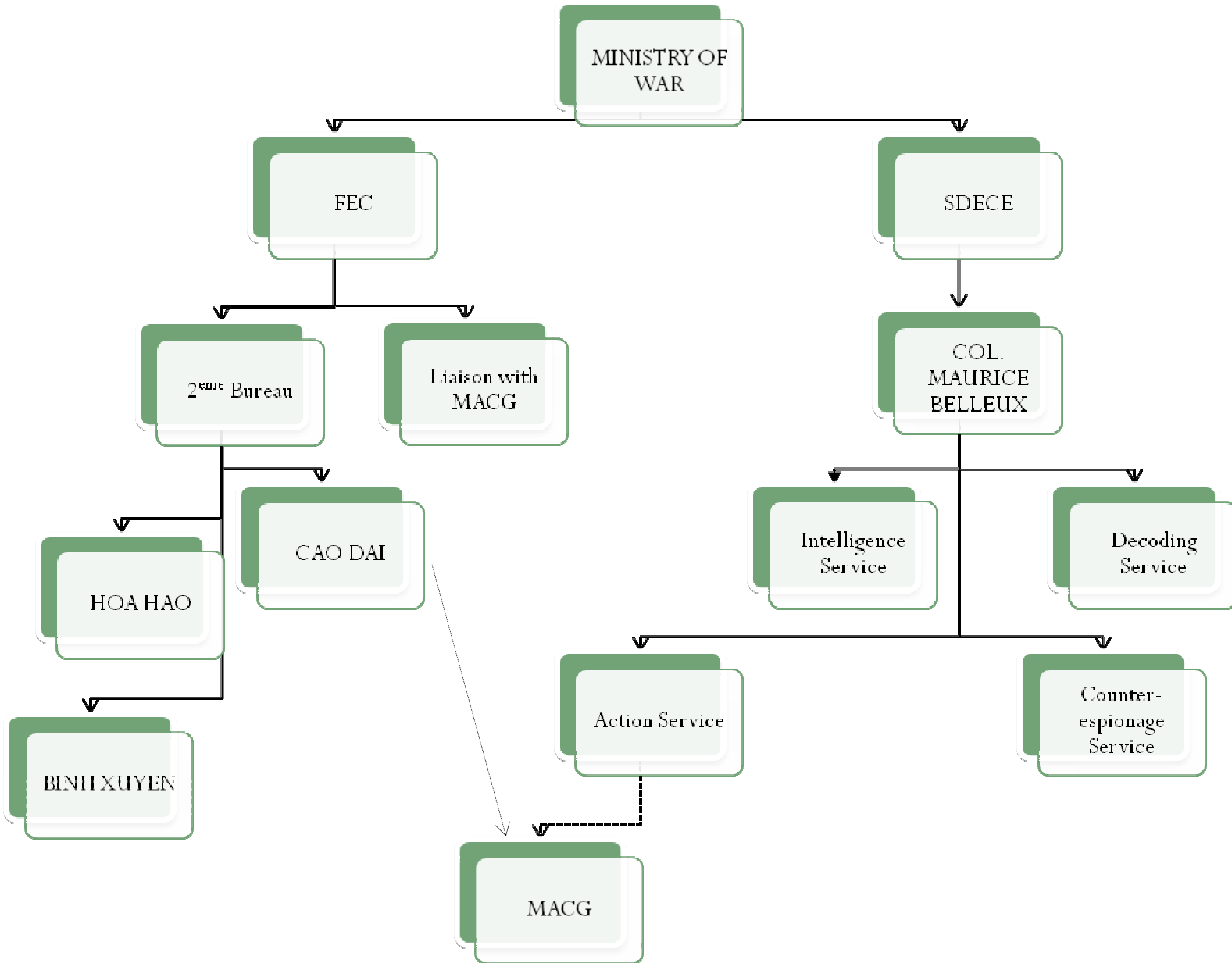
- New Counterinsurgency Strategies
- Supplementary Forces
- Hill Tribes
- Binh Xuyen Pirates

SDECE

- Service de Documentation Extérieure Et de Contre-Espionnage
- French Equivalent Of The CIA
- Colonel Maurice Belleux

MACG

- Mixed Airborne Commando Group
- Hill Tribes Of Central Highlands
- Training Camp At Cap Saint Jacques
 - Vung Tau



Corsicans

- Italian Catholic Culture
- Marseille, France
- Gangsters, Cops Or Priests
- Syndicates And Underworld

Corsican Syndicates

- French Fascists, Gestapo, CIA
- Political Influence
- Marseille's Heroin Laboratories
- International Crime

Binh Xuyen

- River Pirates, 1920s
- Terrorism, Extortion, Paramilitary Intelligence
- Opium Refineries
- Bay Vien
 - Boss Tweed
 - Al Capone

Shifting Loyalties

- French
- Japanese
- Viet Minh

Dieuxieme Bureau – 1948

- Binh Xuyen Swore Loyalty To Bao Dai
- Viet Minh Roundup
- Increasing Control Over Saigon
- Chief Of Police

French Opium Monopoly

- 1862
 - Legal Opium Franchise
- Created Revenues For New Colony
- 1863 – 1883
 - Expanded To Other Areas In Indochina

French Opium Monopoly

- Anti-Opium Crusade
 - 1920s And 1930s
- Exploitation Of Vietnam By French
- World War II Embargoes
- Meo Tribesmen
 - Laos
 - Tonkin

Operation X

- 1946
 - Opium Monopoly Ended
 - First Indochina War Began
- Unpopular War
- Curtailed Military Funding
- Secret Opium Trafficking To Finance Covert Operations

Operation X

- Top Secret, Known To Few
- Sanctioned By
 - Colonel Maurice Belleux (SDECE)
 - General Raoul Salan (FEC)
- MACG
- Major Trinquier Supervised Purchase Of Opium From Meo

Operation X

- Opium Flown To Cap Saint Jacques
- Trucked To Saigon
- Binh Xuyen Refineries (2)
- Captain Savani
 - Deuxième Bureau

Operation X

- Sold In Opium Dens
 - Saigon-Cholon
- Proceeds Split
 - Macg
 - Deuxième Bureau
 - Bao Dai
- Excess Sold
 - Chinese Merchants
 - Corsican Syndicates
- Export
 - Hong Kong
 - Marseille

Colonel Edward Lansdale

- 1953
 - Discovered Operation X
- Told To Keep Quiet, Don't Embarrass Friendly Government

April 1955

- CIA And Deuxième Bureau Battle For Saigon
- Diem Holed Up In Presidential Palace
- Captain Savani At Binh Xuyen HQ In Cholon

May 1955

- Binh Xuyen Defeated
- Opium Traffic Halted In Saigon For 3 Years
- Opium Trade Becomes Purview Of Small Time Criminals

The Ghost Of Operation X



The Ghost Of Operation X

- 1958
 - Diem's Brother Nhu Needs Money
- Opium Traffic Revived
- Corsican Charter Airline
 - Air Laos Commercial
- Dr. Tran Kim Tuyen

Nguyen Cao Ky



Nguyen Ngoc Loan



Nguyen Ngoc Loan

- Director Of Military Security Service
- Director Of Central Intelligence Organization
- Director-General Of National Police

Nguyen Ngoc Loan

- Revived Large Scale Corruption
- Organized Opium Exports
- Contacted Corsicans And Chinese
- Taxed Corsican Morphine Exports To Europe
- Taxed Chinese Morphine And Opium Exports To Hong Kong

Nguyen Van Thieu



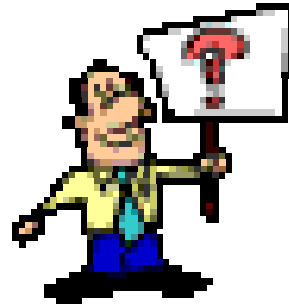
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Counterinsurgency

- Binh Xuyen Effectively Countered Urban Guerilla Warfare
- Combination Of Counterinsurgency And Crime
- Governments And Gangsters
- Blurred Lines Between War And Law Enforcement
- Nicaragua, Afghanistan, Pakistan

Questions



- Thank You