

Thieu Appoints Nephew As Information Minister

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SAIGON, Jan. 10—President Thieu has put his nephew and spokesman, Hoang Duc Nha, in charge of the information ministry in what government sources said was part of an effort to consolidate the president's powers before any cease-fire.

The sources said Thieu also plans to shrink the current 22 ministries to half a dozen "super" ministries, possibly fewer.

Nha, 30, is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and holds a graduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

The ministry was renamed the national commission for information, the announcement said. But in Vietnamese, a different word for "information" was used. The new word could also be translated as "propaganda" or "national guidance."

Meanwhile, 17 South Vietnamese legislators are on their way or about to go to the United States to carry Presi-

dent Thieu's views on a Vietnam peace agreement to the U.S. Congress and public.

National Assembly sources

said today that 11 lower house deputies are making the trip, leaving in two groups, today and Thursday.

Six senators headed by the leader of the upper house's pro-government bloc left yesterday for Washington.