

Thieu Picks Disgraced General To Serve on Joint Truce Panel

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SAIGON, Jan. 25—A general who eight months ago was removed from his command in disgrace has been selected by President Thieu to lead Saigon's delegation to the Joint Military Commission, which will have primary responsibility for supervising the cease-fire.

The choice, reliable South Vietnamese sources said tonight, is Lt. Gen. Ngo Dzu, who was the ranking government officer in the Central Highlands until May when he was transferred to an obscure desk job in Sai-

gon because his troops performed poorly in combat.

Dzu's reputation had been tarnished even before that by repeated accusations that he was one of the most corrupt generals in the South Vietnamese army.

The sensitive post of South Vietnam's chief representative on the joint commission was viewed by some observers tonight as Thieu's opening slight to the Communists, who must now deal directly with an officer not deemed worthy of leading troops in the field.