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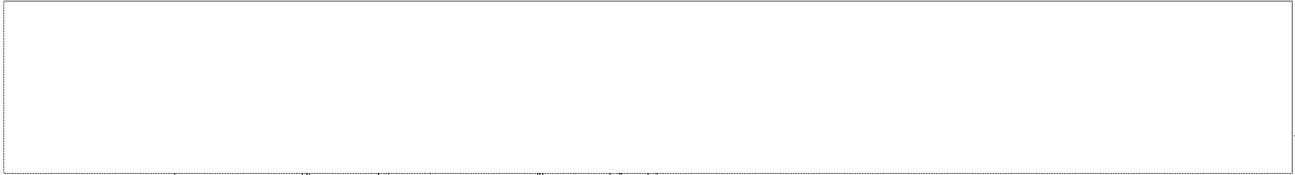
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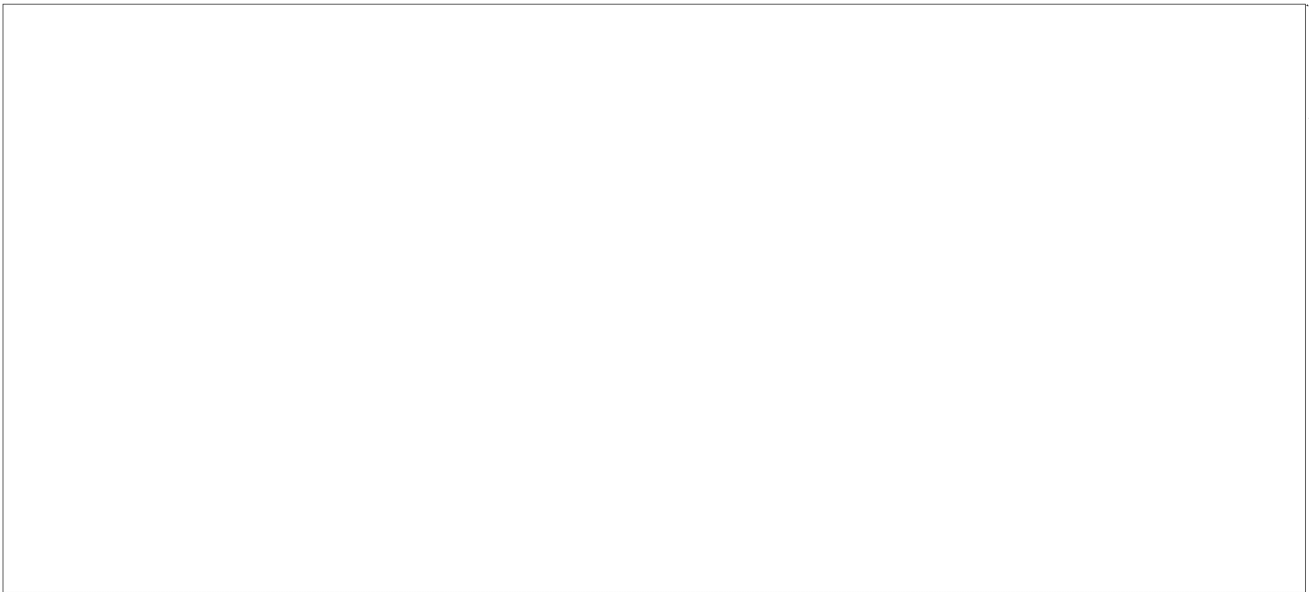
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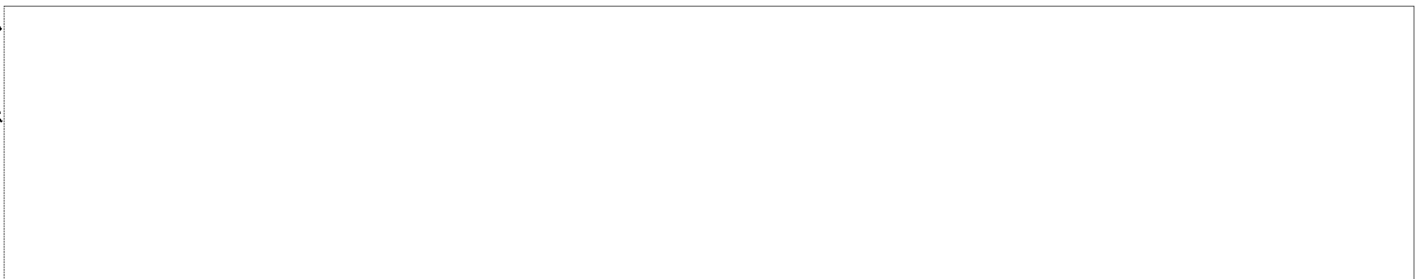
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South Vietnam

The Communists may be planning a new offensive in northwestern Quang Tri Province.

The Khe Sanh area is a likely spot. A US reconnaissance patrol came under heavy fire northwest of Khe Sanh on 1 December. The area may be particularly attractive to the Communists right now because the only access road is closed to vehicular traffic and supplies and reinforcements must be brought in by airlift.

Unhappiness over the shift toward civilian control of the government appears responsible for recent threatened resignations among a number of Saigon's senior generals. Although none of the generals has followed through, many of them have no confidence in the abilities of the government.

If their discontent continues, it could lead to future political crises.

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