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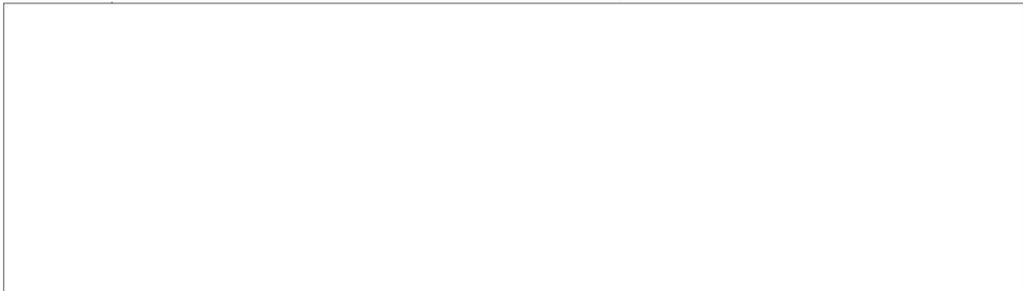
FUTURE ATTACKS

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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

SUBJECT ENEMY PLANS TO ATTACK AND OCCUPY KONTUM, PLEIKU,
PHU BON AND DARLAC PROVINCES IN II CORPS

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1. IN MID-FEBRUARY 1968, VIET CONG (VC) INFILTRATORS IN PLEIKU CITY, PLEIKU PROVINCE, WERE INFORMED THAT ONE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) DIVISION, DESIGNATION UNKNOWN, ACCOMPANIED BY CHINESE COMMUNIST (CHICOM) ADVISORS, WAS MOVING FROM DAK TO, KONTUM PROVINCE, TO DARLAC PROVINCE IN ORDER TO ATTACK BAN ME THUOT CITY, DARLAC. ANOTHER DIVISION WAS SCATTERED IN DAK SUT DISTRICT, KONTUM, IN ORDER TO ATTACK DAK TO, KONTUM PROVINCE, AND PLEIKU. THE DATE OF THE ATTACKS WAS NOT GIVEN BUT THEY WOULD BE LAUNCHED SIMULTANEOUSLY AFTER THE ATTACKS, THE DIVISION STRIKING AT DARLAC WOULD COMBINE WITH THE DIVISION ATTACKING KONTUM AND PLEIKU FOR THE PURPOSE OF OCCUPYING THE FOUR PROVINCES OF KONTUM, PLEIKU, PHU BON AND DARLAC. BY MID-FEBRUARY THE VC HAD COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR THESE TWO DIVISIONS TO LAUNCH SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS ON KONTUM, PLEIKU AND PHU BON.

2. BEFORE ATTACKING, THE NVA PLANNED TO MORTAR THE CITIES SO THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD DIG TRENCHES WHICH THE NVA WOULD LATER SEIZE AND FIGHT FROM AS THEY HAD DONE IN HUE. THE ATTACKS WOULD BE STRONGER THAN THE ATTACKS IN HUE AND DANANG, HOWEVER, BECAUSE "ONE HUNDRED SOVIET TANKS" IN PLACE ON THE VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER WERE READY TO TAKE PART IN THE BATTLE. THE BATTLE WOULD BE A TESTING OF THE ABILITY OF GVN AND ALLIED FORCES TO DEFEND THE HIGHLANDS IN II CORPS.

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3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: NUMEROUS RECENT REPORTS FROM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HAVE INDICATED THAT VC/NVA ATTACKS ON THE CAPITALS OF THESE PROVINCES ARE IMMINENT, BUT DATES HAVE BEEN VARIOUS, RANGING FROM EARLY TO LATE FEBRUARY. THE PRESENCE OF CHINESE ADVISORS WITH ENEMY UNITS, HOWEVER, IS DOUBTFUL. AT LEAST, REPORTS OF CHINESE IN SOUTH VIETNAM IN THE PAST HAVE NEVER BEEN SUBSTANTIATED. IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE "CHINESE" ARE NORTH VIETNAMESE, POSSIBLY FROM THE AREAS BORDERING CHINA. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE ALLEGED PRESENCE OF CHINESE HAS BEEN INSPIRED BY ENEMY PROPAGANDA. [REDACTED] REPORTED

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THAT ON 13 FEBRUARY 1968, IN THE KONG CANG AREA OF PLEIKU PROVINCE, A GUERRILLA SQUAD LEADER OF ZONE III GAVE THE FOLLOWING PITCH TO VILLAGERS WHILE RECRUITING LABORERS TO CARRY WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION: "OUR FINAL VICTORY WILL BE WON IN THE LAST PART OF FEBRUARY 1968. BESIDES THE NVA TROOPS, THE CHINESE WILL COME TO FIGHT THE AMERICANS".

4. [REDACTED] DISSEM: IFFV CORDS II CORPS

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