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SUBJECT II CORPS SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1300 HOURS 24 MARCH 1968

[Redacted area]

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1. THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE II CORPS AREA REPORTED IN THE PAST 24 HOURS OCCURRED IN THE HIGHLAND PROVINCE OF PLEIKU. THE REMAINDER OF THE HIGHLAND PROVINCES, AS WELL AS, THE LOWLAND OR COASTAL PROVINCES, CONTINUED TO EXPERIENCE GENERALLY STABILIZED SITUATIONS.

2. AT APPROXIMATELY 0200 HOURS 24 MARCH, A SMALL ENEMY FORCE, PRESUMED TO BE A SABOTAGE UNIT, INFILTRATED THE WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF PLEIKU CITY DESTROYING A RADIO STATION. THE ENEMY FORCE ENTERED THE AREA UNDER COVER OF A MORTAR ATTACK. IN ADDITION TO SMALL ARMS FIRE, B-40 ROCKETS WERE ALSO EMPLOYED BY THE ATTACKING FORCE. AFTER DESTROYING THE RADIO STATION, THE ENEMY MOVED OUT OF THE AREA AND THE SITUATION WAS REPORTED QUIET AS OF 0900 HOURS.

3. [REDACTED] REPORT FROM NINH THUAN PROVINCE REVEALED THAT A VIET CONG (VC) REGIONAL MEETING WAS HELD IN PROVINCE ON 5-6 MARCH TO DISCUSS REASONS FOR THE VC FAILURE TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE CITIES DURING THE TET OFFENSIVE. THIS MEETING WAS SUPPOSEDLY ATTENDED BY REGION, PROVINCE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS. IT WAS GENERALLY CONCLUDED THAT PRIMARY BLAME FOR VIET CONG FAILURE IN THE OFFENSIVE SHOULD BE PLACED ON LOCAL VC STEERING CADRE WHO DID NOT ACCURATELY EVALUATE THE ATTITUDE OF THE LOCAL POPULACE NOR THE GENERAL OVERALL SITUATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS. MILITARY PROSELYTING CADRES, ESPECIALLY THOSE AT THE GUERRILLA LEVEL, WERE ALSO BROUGHT TO TASK FOR NOT EFFECTIVELY RECRUITING OR CONTROLLING THE PEOPLE UNDER THEIR COMMAND.

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4. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE USMACV 7TH AF CINCPAC PACFLT ARPAC PACAF IFFV CORDS II CORPS.

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