COUNTRY: SOUTH VIETNAM

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SUBJECT: II CORPS SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1300 HOURS 9 MARCH 1968

ACQ: VIETNAM, NHA TRANG (9 MARCH 1968)

SOURCE: THIS IS A SITUATION REPORT

1. THE SITUATION IN THE II CORPS AREA REMAINS GENERALLY QUIET. IN TUYEN DCU PROVINCE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) FORCES ARE CONDUCTING AN OPERATION AGAINST AN ESTIMATED TWO COMPANIES OF VIET CONG IN THE VICINITY OF DUC TRONG DISTRICT CAPITAL. THE CITY OF DALAT APPEARS TO BE RETURNING TO NORMAL, THE MARKET IS OPEN AND PRICES ARE ONLY SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN BEFORE THE TET OFFENSIVE.

3. SEVERAL PROVINCES IN II CORPS, NOTABLY DARLAC, KONTUM, PLEIKU, PHU YEN, AND BINH DINH, CONTINUE TO RECEIVE DAILY REPORTS OF IMPENDING VC ATTACKS. MOST OF THE REPORTS ARE FROM LOW LEVEL SOURCES, AND VERY FEW OF THEM PROVE TO BE
ACCURATE. THE NET EFFECT OF THESE REPORTS, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN TO KEEP ON EDGE GVN AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS AS WELL AS THE LOCAL POPULATION, WHICH IS ALSO SUBJECTED TO CONSTANT RUMORS OF FURTHER VC ATTACKS. IN VIRTUALLY EVERY PROVINCIAL CAPITAL, CONSIDERABLE EFFORT IS STILL BEING DEVOTED TO CONSTRUCTING BUNKERS AND DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

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