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SUBJECT II CORPS SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1300 HOURS 13 MARCH 1968

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I. THE ONLY REPORTED SIZEABLE ENEMY MILITARY CONTACT IN THE II CORPS AREA DURING THE PAST 24 HOUR PERIOD WAS IN KON TUM DISTRICT, KONTUM PROVINCE. AS HAS BEEN NOTED CONTINUOUSLY SINCE THE ORIGINAL ATTACKS OF THE TET OFFENSIVE, THE LARGER, MORE IMPORTANT PROVINCE CAPITALS IN II CORPS HAVE CONSTANTLY EXPECTED NEW LARGE-SCALE ATTACKS (AND SOME HAVE RECEIVED THEM) AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN FLOODING DAILY BY REPORTS INDICATING THAT THE ENEMY HAS BEEN MASSING AND PREPARING ITS TROOPS FOR A DEFINITE PUSH. THIS CONSTANT THREAT OF ATTACK HAS KEPT FRIENDLY MILITARY FORCES CONCENTRATED AROUND THE PROVINCE CAPITALS IN A DEFENSIVE POSTURE, ALLOWING ENEMY FORCES TO OPERATE ALMOST AT WILL IN MANY RURAL AREAS. ONLY IN A VERY FEW LOCATIONS HAS THERE BEEN AN EFFORT PUT FORTH BY FRIENDLY FORCES TO MOVE OUT FROM THE CITIES TO REGAIN SOME OF THE INITIATIVE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

2. DURING THE NIGHT OF 12 MARCH, APPROXIMATELY 100 ENEMY MORTAR ROUNDS STRUCK VARIOUS LOCALITIES THROUGHOUT KON TUM DISTRICT, KONTUM PROVINCE. CONTACT BY FRIENDLY UNITS WITH AN ENEMY FORCE OF UNKNOWN SIZE WAS CONTINUING IN AN AREA NORTHWEST OF KONTUM CITY.

3. IN TUY HOA, PHU YEN PROVINCE INDICATE THAT VIET CONG/NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMIES WILL ATTACK THE CITY FOR A FOURTH TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE. LOCAL OFFICIALS BELIEVE NEW ENEMY UNITS HAVE ARRIVED IN PROVINCE TO SUPPLEMENT EXISTING ENEMY FORCES WHICH HAVE BEEN BADLY DEFEATED IN PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENTS. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT TARGETS FOR THE NEXT ATTACK MAY BE THE TWO BRIDGES CONNECTING TUY HOA WITH SOUTHERN PHU YEN PROVINCE, THE NORTH AIRFIELD AND THE PROVINCE RE-EDUCATION CENTER.

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