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3. [REPORT FROM NINH THUAN PROVINCE]

RELEASED 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.

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

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