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SUBJECT NLF SUBVERSION AND PROPAGANDA

FOLLOWING TET OFFENSIVE

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1. REPORTS REACHING THE VIETNAMESE SECURITY AUTHORITIES IN THE SECOND WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1968 STATE THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMMUNIST TET OFFENSIVE; NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (NLF) ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT SOUTH WESTERN VIETNAM, PARTICULARLY KIEN HOA, VINH LONG, VINH BINH, AND DINH TUONG PROVINCES, LAUNCHED A MAJOR CAMPAIGN OF CELEBRATION COUPLED WITH THE PROPAGANDA OF THE NEW SLOGAN "ATTACK THE TOWN TO LIBERATE THE COUNTRY SIDE."

2. IN THE WAKE OF INITIAL COMMUNIST SUCCESSES AND BECAUSE OF SEVERED COMMUNICATIONS, MILITARY UNITS AND CIVILIAN

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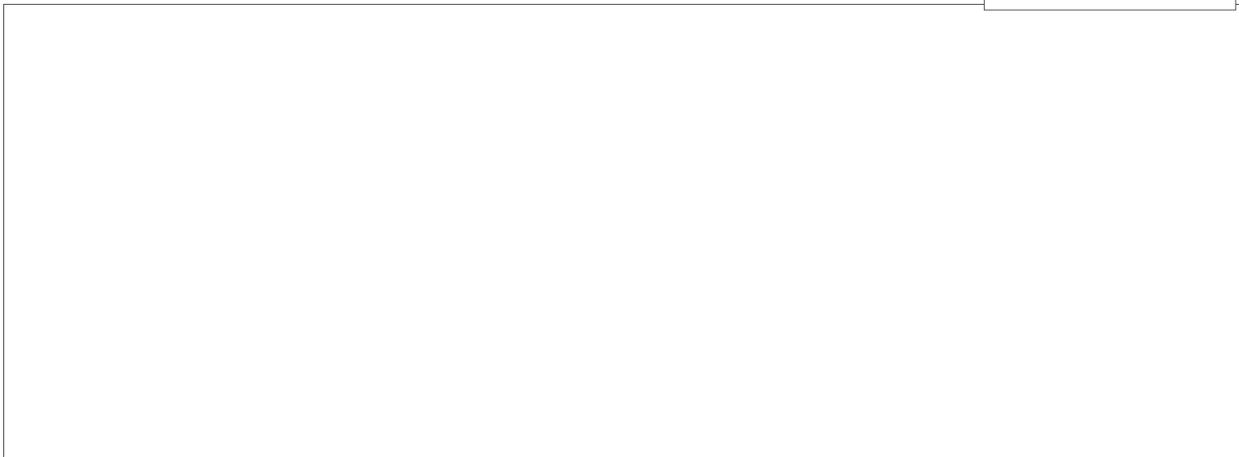
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ADMINISTRATIONS IN MANY RURAL AREAS OF THESE PROVINCES PARTICULARLY, SUCCUMBED TO COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA AND SURRENDERED TO THE VIET CONG (VC). THE COMMUNISTS IMMEDIATELY SET ABOUT ESTABLISHING "LIBERATION COMMITTEES" AND "COMMITTEES OF PEACE AND UNION" WITH THE FORCED PARTICIPATION OF VILLAGE NOTABLES AND MEMBERS OF THE OLD VILLAGE COUNCILS.



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3. THE VIETNAMESE SECURITY SERVICES ESTIMATE THAT THE COMMUNIST PLAN OF ACTION IS NOW AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE TET OFFENSIVE WAS IN THE MAIN A DEMONSTRATION OF FORCE, DESIGNED AS A SHOCK TO FACILITATE FUTURE POLITICAL AND MILITARY ACTIVITY.

B. CURRENT NLF TACTICS ARE BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST ARMY AGAINST THE JAPANESE IN 1939/1940.

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C. THE MAJOR VC OBJECTIVE IS CLEARLY STATED IN THE SLOGAN "ATTACK THE TOWN (S) TO LIBERATE THE COUNTRYSIDE."

D. DISPOSITIONS ARE ALREADY BEING MADE TO FORM STREET GUERRILLA GROUPS IN THE TOWNS, ON SECRET ARMY LINES.

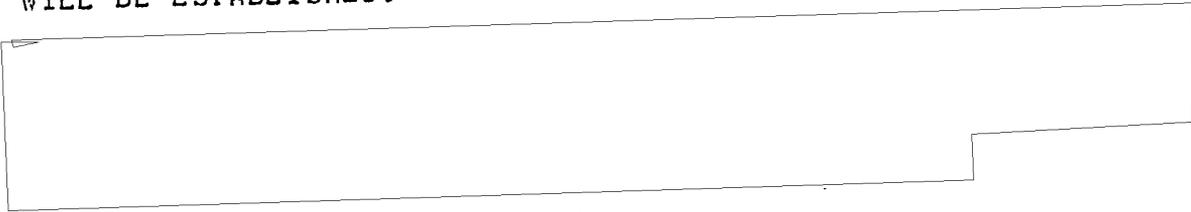
E. THE VC RECRUITING BASE IN EACH TOWN HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY WIDENED.

F. IN THE CAPITAL, THE VC WILL ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH STREET LIBERATION COMMITTEES TO WORK UNDER THE SAIGON GIA DINH LIBERATION COMMITTEE FOR BOTH MILITARY AND POLITICAL PURPOSES.

G. COMMUNIST EFFORTS TO LEVY TAXES IN URBAN AREAS WILL BE INTENSIFIED.

H. THE BLACKLISTING OF GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) OFFICIALS TO BE DEALT WITH AFTER THE COMMUNIST VICTORY WILL BE FURTHER EXTENDED.

I. WHEREVER POSSIBLE, "COMMITTEES OF PEACE AND UNION" WILL BE ESTABLISHED.



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EACH STUDENT HAS BEEN TOLD TO EXPECT ONE WEEK'S TRAINING WHICH
WILL BE GIVEN OUTSIDE SAIGON.



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