REPORT CLASS
COUNTRY: SOUTH VIETNAM
SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON HOI AN CITY AND QUANG NAM PROVINCE, AS OF 1800 HOURS ON 1 FEBRUARY
ACQUIRED: VIETNAM, DANANG (1 FEBRUARY 68)
SOURCE: THIS IS A SITUATION REPORT ON 1 FEBRUARY PREPARED BY CAS,

1. IN HOI AN, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, LOUDSPEAKERS TOLD PEOPLE OF CURFEW AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS. PEOPLE WERE ADHERING TO RESTRICTIONS. THERE WAS NO APPARENT FEELING OF PANIC, BUT THE PEOPLE WERE NERVOUS AND ACTIVITY PROCEEDED AT A REDUCED PACE. ROAD BLOCKS RESTRICTED CIVILIAN TRAFFIC. VIET CONG (VC) WERE IN THE AREA IN VARIOUS DISGUISES, BUT MOST VC HAD LEFT THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF HOI AN TOWN.

2. DUY SUYEN DISTRICT WAS ATTACKED BY THE VC ON THE NIGHT OF 31 JANUARY AND THE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS CONTINUED TO BURN IN THE AFTERNOON OF 1 FEBRUARY. SOME OF THE RESIDENTS HAD BEEN EVACUATED.

3. IN HOA VANG DISTRICT THE BUDDHISTS CLAIMED THEY HAD ONE THOUSAND REFUGEES IN NEED OF FOOD, AND THE AMERICANS WERE GOING TO LOOK INTO ASSISTANCE FOR THEM ON THE MORNING OF 2 FEBRUARY.

4. CONTACT WITH REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT CADRE (RDC) TEAMS WAS LIMITED DURING THE PAST THREE DAYS. TEAMS IN HOA
VANG AND DIEN BANH DISTRICTS HAD CONTACT WITH THE VC. TEAM 4's LEADER AND HIS ASSISTANT WERE KIA; TEAM 11 SUFFERED ONE KIA; TEAM 5, ONE KIA; TEAM 7, ONE KIA; AND TEAM 28 HAD CONTACT AT 0300 ON 1 FEBRUARY BUT RESULTS ARE UNKNOWN. TEAM 7 WAS STILL ON CAM THANH ISLAND, ABOUT 50 METERS ACROSS FROM THE MARKET IN HOI AN, WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY THE VC.

5. ONE RALLIER TO THE FIFTY FIRST ARVN BATTALION, ALLEGEDLY A MEMBER OF THE SECOND NORTH VIETNAM (NVA) DIVISION, ONE OF THREE VC ELEMENTS ATTACKED THAT ATTACKED THE DANANG COMPLEX, SAID THAT THESE FORCES (UNSPECIFIED) SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES. HE CLAIMED HE WAS THE SOLE SURVIVOR OF HIS PLATOON, ONE REASON HE RALLIED. ACCORDING TO HIS STATEMENT THE MISSION OF THE THREE UNITS WAS TO ATTACK HOI AN AND DANANG CITY DURING THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF TET.

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