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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Spot Report on the Situation Around Saigon

1. The enemy may be about to launch a major attack on the city of Saigon with units now concentrated on the outskirts of the capital.

2. According to South Vietnamese police officials, captured documents and Communist prisoners taken during the attacks on Saigon beginning on 31 January say that this action was only the first phase of Communist plans and was aimed at creating turmoil in preparation for another attack. The second phase reportedly is designed to "seize Saigon." Some 25 to 30 VC battalions are said to be staging in areas north and south of the city. No specific timing for the attack was indicated by the prisoners and documents, but the police officials apparently believe it is imminent.

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large concentrations of unidentified Vietnamese Communist radio terminals have been noted in two areas north and south of Saigon since 1 February, suggesting preparations for enemy attacks. Both concentrations are in areas specified by the documents and prisoners. Nine of the terminals were located in the northern outskirts of Saigon on 1 February, however, only three of these were noted there the following day. On 2 February some 19 unidentified terminals were located on the south side of Saigon city. The size and identity of these units cannot be determined [redacted]

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4. As of daybreak in Saigon on 3 February the city was reported quiet. There were a few reports of allied attacks on Communist positions, but in general it appeared to have been the quietest night since the enemy attacks began earlier this week.

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