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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM
DOI 5 FEBRUARY-6 FEBRUARY 1968.
SUBJECT THE REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT (RD) CADRE PROGRAM
 STATUS IN BINH DINH PROVINCE.

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1. AS A RESULT OF RECENT ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE CITY OF QUI NHON AND BINH DINH PROVINCE, AT LEAST 20 REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT (RD) TEAMS HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY REMOVED FROM THE HAMLETS THEY OCCUPIED BEFORE THE ATTACKS. THE WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPORTING TROOPS TO BE USED AGAINST THE ENEMY NECESSITATED THE REMOVAL OF THESE TEAMS. THERE WERE 8 RD TEAMS STILL

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IN QUI NHON CONDUCTING SECURITY OPERATIONS, SEARCHING LOCAL RESIDENCES FOR ENEMY SUPPLY CACHES AND HELPING ROOT OUT SNIPERS THAT REMAINED IN THE CITY. THESE TEMPORARY DUTIES WERE ALL ASSIGNED BY THE PROVINCE CHIEF. ALTHOUGH THESE DUTIES DID NOT REPRESENT IN ANY WAY AN RD ACTIVITY, THE TEAMS PROVIDED AN EFFECTIVE FORCE FOR CONTAINING AND REMOVING THE ENEMY.

2. IN AN NHON AND TUY PHUOC DISTRICTS, A LARGE NUMBER OF HAMLETS CONSTRUCTED IN 1966 AND 1967 WERE ATTACKED. THE PROVINCE SENIOR ADVISOR AND CAS PROVINCE OFFICERS FEEL THAT IT WILL TAKE 18 MONTHS TO REACH THE SAME STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT THAT EXISTED 6 MONTHS AGO, AND THIS WILL BE ONLY POSSIBLE IF THE SECURITY SITUATION IMPROVES TO WHAT IT WAS 6 MONTHS AGO. IT WAS ALSO FELT THAT THE 1968 RD PLAN WOULD NOW HAVE TO CONFORM TO MORE REALISTIC GOALS AND RETURN TO AREAS PREVIOUSLY WORKED.

3. AN OPINION WAS EXPRESSED BY LOCAL OFFICIALS THAT MOST OF THE TEAMS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THEIR HAMLETS IN ABOUT 4 DAYS, IF THE SECURITY SITUATION REMAINED AT THE SAME LEVEL CURRENTLY HELD. MANY OF THE REFUGEES PRESENTLY IN THE PROVINCE FORMERLY RESIDED IN THE RD HAMLETS THAT WERE OVERRUN.

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