

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Intelligence Information Cable

• PRIORITY

IN 62479

PAGE 1 OF 3 PAGES

STATE/INR	DIA	NMCC/MC	(SECDEF	JCS	ARMY	NAVY	AIR)	CIA/NMCC	NIC	NSA	SDO	ONE	CRS
DDI		EXO						OER	FBI	DCS	IRS	AID	USIA

This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Secs. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

~~NO FOREIGN DISSEM~~

THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE

CONFIDENTIAL

031151Z

CITE

DIST 3 MARCH 1968

COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI

23-478-3

SUBJECT VC/NVA PLANS FOR A THREE-PRONGED "SECOND FRONT" FOLLOWING THE TET OFFENSIVE

ACQ

VIETNAM, NHA TRANG (3 MARCH 1968)

SOURCE

1. PRIOR TO THE COUNTRYWIDE TET OFFENSIVE OF LATE JANUARY 1968, VIET CONG (VC)/NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) PLANS CALLED FOR A THREE-PRONGED "SECOND FRONT" (POLITICAL ACTION) OFFENSIVE TO BE LAUNCHED THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIETNAM SOON AFTER THE INITIAL TET ATTACKS. THE "SECOND FRONT" CALLED FOR:

~~CONFIDENTIAL NO FOREIGN DISSEM~~

3.5(c)

3.3(h)(2)

3.5(c)

3.3(h)(2)

IN 62479

[Redacted]

3.5(c)

PAGE 2 OF 3 PAGES

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ NO FOREIGN DISSEM

(classification) (dissem controls)

A. CONTINUED SHELLING OF CITIES IN ORDER TO PUT PRESSURE ON DEFENDING FORCES AND A SECOND ATTACK ON TET OFFENSIVE TARGETS BY THE ORIGINAL ATTACKING UNITS AFTER REPLACEMENTS HAD ARRIVE IN THE UNITS;

B. PRESSURE ON THE UNITED STATES TO FORCE IT TO REQUEST AND OBTAIN NEGOTIATIONS;

C. EXHORTATION OF THE PEOPLE TO STAGE DEMONSTRATIONS AGITATING FOR PEACE (ONCE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN). THE DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD OCCUR UNDER THE GUISE OF A NEW FRONT ORGANIZATION.

2. THE DATE THE "SECOND FRONT" WOULD BE LAUNCHED WOULD DEPEND OF THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE INITIAL TET OFFENSIVE. THE ALTERNATE PLAN FOR THE "SECOND FRONT", IN THE EVENT THE TET OFFENSIVE FAILED, CALLED FOR ATTACKING UNITS TO WITHDRAW, RECEIVE REPLACEMENTS AND BE RECOMMITTED.(SOURCE COMMENT: [Redacted] STATED THAT THE REASON NHA TRANG, KHANH HOA PROVINCE, HAS NOT BEEN SHELLED SINCE THE TET OFFENSIVE IS BECAUSE THE UNIT ASSIGNED THAT MISSION HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A SUPPLY OF AMMUNITION.)

3.3(h)(2)

3.3(h)(2)

[Redacted]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ NO FOREIGN DISSEM

IN 62479

478



3.5(c)

PAGE 3 OF 3 PAGES

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ NO FOREIGN DISSEM

(classification) (dissem controls)

3. AN INDICATION OF A NEW ATTACK ON NHA TRANG WOULD BE THE TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL OF BATTALION (BN) 8/NVA REGIMENT (REGT) 18B, DIVISION 325, TO UNITS THAT TOOK PART IN THE INITIAL ATTACK, AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF BN 9/18B REGT TO REPLACE BN 8 AS A RESERVE FORCE.



3.3(h)(2)

REPORT CLASS ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ NO FOREIGN DISSEM



3.5(c)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~