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The AN GIANG (CHAU DOC) Province Committee maintained two safe bases in CHAU-DOC Province, SVN. The safe base located at COTO Mountain (approximately VS 960h63), TRI TON District, CHAU DOC Province, was used by the Province Committee, Propaganda Culture Indoctrination Section, National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam (NFLSVN) Committee, Finance/Economic Section. It also had a radio station and was protected by a guard team of the Security Section. The GIAI Mountain base (approximately VS 933575) was used by the Security, Military, Rear Services and Comm/Liaison Sections. It was located between BA CHUC Village, TINH RIEN District and LUONG PHI Village, TRI TON District, CHAU DOC Province, SVN.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series L/01h, Sheet 5929 I, Scale 1/50,000, Edition 1.

1. There were two "safe base" areas in CHAU DOC Province, SVN, from October 1964 until 1 February 1968. The bases had no code names but were known to VC throughout the area by the name of the respective mountains on which they were located. One camp was located on the south slope of CO TO Mountain, TRI TON District, CHAU DOC Province, SVN. The other was located on GIAI Mountain near LUONG PHI Village, TRI TON District, CHAU DOC Province, SVN.

2. The CO TO safe base (approximately VS 960h63) was in operation prior to October 1964 and was used as the staging area for the AN GIANG (CHAU DOC) Province Committee TET Offensive on 29 January 1968. The permanent base was located in rock caves along the southern slope of the mountain approximately 200 meters north of Route 132. (See Attachments 1 and 2) In addition to the Province Committee headquarters, there were separate sites in the same base used by the Propaganda Culture Indoctrination Section, the NFLSVN Committee, the Finance/Economic Section and the Military Proselytising Section. Also in the base were a radio station and a guard team of the Security Section which was responsible for the base security. The sites located in the caves had interior floors covered with logs and ceilings covered with draped nylon to keep the moisture from the working area. The radio station and headquarters sites were considered security areas and only authorized persons were allowed to enter. Only Province Committee members were permitted into the headquarters site. The CO TO safe base was considered relatively safe from attack because local forces provided security and the sites were located in rock caves.

3. The GIAI safe base (approximately VS 933575) was located along the banks of a small stream which divided the two major peaks of GIAI mountain between BA CHUC Village, TINH RIEN District, and LUONG PHI Village, TRI TON District CHAU DOC Province, SVN. There were four separate sites located approximately 200 meters apart along the banks of the stream and protected by overhanging rock cliffs. The Security, Military Rear Services and Comm/Liaison sections used this base (See Attachments 3 and 4) It was considered safe because it was protected by organized local forces which provided early warning against attack and by the overhanging rock cliffs which protected the sites from bombing.
Attachment #2
GO TO Safe Base

1. Lt. 13
2. Propaganda Culture Indoctrination
3. VVCM Committee
4. Provincial Committee headquarters
5. Radio Station
6. "Challenge" (guard) team
7. Military Prosgelyting Section
8. Finance Economic Section
9. TUK CHUP Village
1. BA CHUC Village
2. Small stream
3. Commo/Liaison Section
4. Rear Services Section
5. Military Section
6. Security Section
7. L'Vong Phi Village

Memory sketch of FEST Safe base

Mountain