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PAVN 1ST DIVISION ELEMENT RECEIVES PLANS FOR ATTACKS
IN PLEIKU PROVINCE

In a message of 16 January 1968, a probable element of the Hq, PAVN 1st Division, PAVN B3 Front was informed by a probable Hq, PAVN B3 Front authority that new attacks were planned for areas of Pleiku Province in the immediate future. Specifically, the message stated in part:
 "The principal direction of attack will be to the southwest of Pleiku. Our immediate task will be to overrun Le Thanh [13-49N 107-40E, YA 8930], Duc Co [13-48N 107-38E, YA 8426], and Tan Lap [unlocated]; liberate the area north and south of Route 19, and thrust strongly to the southwest of Pleiku. The next task is to liberate Pleiku and the area along Route 19 and to attack toward the east."¹

Although certain military intelligence (MI) elements supporting the PAVN 1st Division continue to report heavily on the Dak To area, the MI section of the division, two subordinates, and all military units of the 1st Division are now concentrated in an area of western Kontum Province bordering Laos.² Their movement there followed the recent fighting in the Dak To area.

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1. Complete text of message to be issued separately.
 2. 3/0/STY/R14-68 presents the disposition of B3 Front elements in two concentrations in Kontum and Pleiku Provinces as of 15 January.

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