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UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF PAVN B3 FRONTDISCUSS ATTACK PLANS FOR 17 TO 19 JANUARY 1968

Unidentified elements of the PAVN B3 Front possibly operating in northeastern Pleiku Province have discussed plans for a night mortar or artillery attack to be conducted between 17 and 19 January 1968.

A message of 16 January stated that on the evening of the attack "a 15 watt radio and a squad and a half" were to be sent to a previously designated area "in order to observe the city." A later message contained a fire control brevity code, apparently to be used in the attack.

Although unlocated, the originator of these messages is possibly associated with an entity that was last located in the eastern Kontum-Pleiku Province border region on 27 December near 14-14N 108-07E (AR 895730). This is the same general area where a number of PAVN B3 Front entities are presently concentrated, including an element of Hq, B3 Front, Pleiku Province; the possible Hq, B3 Front Forward Element One; a part of the possible PAVN 1st Division Forward Tactical Element; the probable Gia Lai Provincial Unit; and at least five unidentified terminals associated with the B3 Front.

Possibly related to the above activity were messages passed between two unidentified B3 Front associated stations on 8 January which mentioned "N plus 4 day."<sup>1</sup> These entities are suspected to be associated with the PAVN 95B Regiment last located on 9 January near 14-12N 108-18E (BR 084705).

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