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FOLLOW-UP NUMBER 1 TOPOSSIBLE IMMINENT VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE OPERATIONSIN COASTAL PROVINCES OF MILITARY REGION 5 (241714Z)

Another unit in Military Region (MR) 5 was associated with impending Communist offensives in coastal areas of the region when the Hq, Rear Services Group 44 provided instructions to the suspected PAVN 368B Artillery Regiment to employ certain practices in passing "N-Day" messages. Specifically, the regimental headquarters was instructed to use the cryptographic document of "89," the designator of the probable VC 402nd Sapper Battalion. The message concluded: "Do you understand N-Day? Reply immediately."

Another relevant message was passed from Hq, Rear Services Group 44 on this date possibly to all subscribers--including Hq, PAVN 2nd Division; the suspected 368B Artillery Regiment; the suspected Forward Element of the 368B Artillery Regiment; the probable Hq, 402nd Sapper Battalion; the suspected 1st or 3rd Battalion of the 68th Artillery Regiment; the Quang Da and Quang Nam Provincial Units; the suspected Da Nang Municipal Unit; and other unidentified entities in the Quang Nam-Quang Tin area. The message stated in part: "The main N-Day...was received and passed to B1 in message number 17." N-Day is the Vietnamese equivalent for D-Day. The suspected 368B Artillery Regiment was located by SIGINT on 22 January near 15-56N 108-01E (AT 808635), in east-central Quang Nam Province. SIGINT also located the probable 402nd Sapper Battalion in the same area, near 15-56N 108-01E (AT 814636) on that date. The Hq, Rear Services Group 44 was located on 22 January near 15-52N 108-12E (BT 021544) in the same general area.

Recent communications of the probable Hq, PAVN B3 Front authority and a probable PAVN 1st Division element in western Pleiku Province have also included references to "N-Day";<sup>1</sup> in addition they have contained references to the initiation of hostilities in the near future.<sup>2</sup> Other unidentified B3 Front units believed to be located in northeastern Pleiku Province have referred to impending hostilities.<sup>3</sup>

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