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PAVN B3 FRONT AUTHORITY INDICATES IMMINENT

VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE IN WESTERN HIGHLANDS OF MR 5

A message of 24 January transmitted from the probable Hq, PAVN B3 Front Authority to a probable PAVN 1st Division element stated, "Everything for victory! During the past few days in the direction of Dak To and Route 18 [sic] we downed many American helicopters and jets and set up many ambushes on Route (C val 14). At Pleiku on the night of 21 January we conducted a raid at (C val Tang Loi), destroyed 41 vehicles (18 were tanks), 3 blockhouses and 1 building, and killed 43 Americans. On the southern flank we are threatening Phu Pon [possibly Phu Bon Province] and aggressively conducting activity in the B. [Buon] Don and B. [Buon] Ho region [there is a Buon Ho District in Darlac Province]. All of you must prepare urgently and thoroughly and maintain secrecy so that when N-Day comes we can open fire en masse. Aggressively prepare P4 and P7."

The probable Hq, PAVN B3 Front Authority which transmitted the above message was last located on 23 January in the Cambodia-southwestern Kontum Province border area near 14-03N 107-21E (YA 543545). The recipient of the message, a probable Hq, PAVN 1st Division element, was located on the same date near 13-48N 107-33E (YA 727282) approximately 8 km west-northwest of Duc Co in Pleiku Province.

N-Day as used in the above message is the Vietnamese Communist equivalent for D-Day and has in the past been used in reference to Vietnamese Communist offensive operations.

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