FOLLOWING REPORTS ON SOUTH VIETNAMESE SITUATION AS OF 01 FEBRUARY 1968.


2. ON THE NIGHT OF 30-31 JANUARY 1968, THE VIET CONG LAUNCHED SIMULTANEOUS OFFENSIVES IN THE DELTA, SAIGON, MY THO AND CAN THO.

3. IN A GENERAL MANNER, VIET CONG COMMANDOS, WITH A STRENGTH OF ONE OR TWO BATTALIONS, INFILTRATING DURING THE NIGHT, TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED ALL OR PART OF THE CITIES. ACTION DIRECTED AGAINST MILITARY INSTALLATIONS 39 TO 40 U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED ON THE U.S. AIRSTRIPS BY COMMANDOS OR MORTAR FIRE.


5. WHEN THE ARRIVAL OF REINFORCEMENTS, US-ARVN FORCES WERE PROGRESSIVELY ABLE TO REGAIN CONTROL IN BESIEGED VILLAGES. COMBAT CONTINUES WITH THE VIET CONG COMMANDOS WHO ARE SURROUNDED IN SAIGON.

6. ACCORDING TO AN INITIAL REPORT OF LOSSES FROM THE SAIGON (GOVERNMENT), ABOUT 4000 VIET CONG HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY IN THE PAST TWO DAYS. U.S. LOSSES ABOUT 200 KILLED OVERALL, OF WHICH ABOUT 50 WERE KILLED IN SAIGON. ARVN LOSSES 320 KILLED OVER ALL. CIVILIAN LOSSES WERE HEAVY.

7. LATEST INFORMATION REPORTED A RESUMPTION OF COMBAT

THIS ATTACK CONSTITUTES A GENERAL VIET CONG PSYCHOLOGICAL SUCCESS IN THE "EYES OF THE" WORLD. THE US ANTICIPATES VIGOROUS VIET CONG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE ACTION AT KHE SAN AND THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE. UNQUOTE.

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