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SUBJECT: REFLECTIONS OF FOREWARNING OF VIETNAMESE
COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE INITIATED 29 JANUARY

FOLLOWING INFO PROVIDED DIA EARLIER BY SEPARATE MESSAGE
IS FORWARDED AS MATTER OF GENERAL INTELL INFORMATION.
EARLIER MSG WAS SENT IN RESPONSE TO DIA REQUEST FOR COMINT
DATA ON ABOVE SUBJECT FOR INCORPORATION IN DIA REPLY TO
GENERAL MAXWELL TAYLOR'S REQUEST FOR AVAILABLE FOREWARNING
DATA:

QUOTE 1. SINCE AS EARLY AS 16 JANUARY, SIGINT PROVIDED
INFORMATION FOREWARNING OF THE INITIATION OF A VIETNAMESE
COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE TO BE CONDUCTED IN PLEIKU PROVINCE OF
SOUTH VIETNAM. BY 25 JANUARY, THE ACCUMULATION OF SIGINT

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DATA PROVIDED EVIDENCE THAT A COORDINATED VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN SEVERAL AREAS THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIETNAM. THE TIMING OF THESE COORDINATED COMMUNIST OPERATIONS WHICH WERE ALLUDED TO IN SIGINT CORRELATES WITH THE GENERAL OFFENSIVE WHICH STARTED ON 29/30 JANUARY.

2. SIGINT PRODUCT WHICH REFLECTED PLANS AND PREPARATIONS FOR THESE OPERATIONS IS LISTED CHRONOLOGICALLY AS FOLLOWS:

A. 2/0/VCM/R13-68, 172014Z JAN:

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

A PROBABLE HQ, PAVN B3 FRONT AUTHORITY INFORMED A PROBABLE ELEMENT OF THE HQ, PAVN 1ST DIVISION, B3 FRONT ON 16 JANUARY THAT NEW ATTACKS WERE PLANNED FOR AREAS OF PLEIKU PROVINCE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

B. 2/0/VCM/R14-68, 172144Z JAN:

UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF PAVN B3 FRONT DISCUSS ATTACK PLANS FOR 17 TO 19 JANUARY

UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE PAVN B3 FRONT POSSIBLY OPERATING IN NORTHEASTERN PLEIKU PROVINCE DISCUSSED IN

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MESSAGES ON 16 JANUARY PLANS FOR A NIGHT MORTAR OR ARTILLERY ATTACK TO BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 17 AND 19 JANUARY.

C. 3/0/STY/R16-68, 182120Z JAN:
SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

ELEMENTS OF THE PAVN B3 FRONT REPORTED PLANS TO ATTACK IN AREAS SOUTHWEST AND NORTHEAST OF PLEIKU CITY IN PLEIKU PROVINCE.

D. 2/0/VCM/R19-68, 191623Z JAN:

PAVN B3 FRONT UNIT DISCUSSES ATTACK PLANS FOR WESTERN KONTUM

A MESSAGE ON 18 JANUARY REFLECTED PLANS FOR A COMMUNIST ATTACK IN THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS AREA ON THE MORNING OF 20 JANUARY.

E. 3/0/STY/R17-68, 192100Z JAN:

SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY
PLANS FOR AN IMPENDING ATTACK IN WESTERN KONTUM PROVINCE WERE DISCLOSED IN A MESSAGE ON 18 JANUARY FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED PAVN B3 FRONT-ASSOCIATED ELEMENT TO A SUSPECT ARTILLERY UNIT.

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F. 2/0/VCM/R25-68, 192148Z JAN:

FOLLOW-UP NUMBER 1 TO PAVN 1ST DIVISION ELEMENT RECEIVES
PLANS FOR ATTACKS IN PLEIKU PROVINCE
MESSAGES ON 18 AND 19 JANUARE FROM A PROBABLE HQ, PAVN
1ST DIVISION ELEMENT TO A PROBABLE HQ, PAVN B3 FRONT
AUTHORITY PROVIDED ADDITIONAL DETAILS RELATING TO THE
MOVEMENT OF THE 1ST DIVISION ELEMENT IN WESTERN PLEIKU
PROVINCE.

G. 2/0/VCM/R20-68, 192151Z JAN:

MAJOR PAVN BUILDUP IN WESTERN DMZ-KHE SANH AREA
A MAJOR BUILDUP OF PAVN FORCES IN THE WESTERN DMZ-KHE
SANH AREA HAS BEEN REFLECTED IN SIGINT SINCE IATE
OCTOBER 1967. THE NEW MAJOR PAVN HEADQUARTERS LOCATED
NORTHWEST OF KHE SANH APPARENTLY ASSUMED COMMAND AND
CONTROL FUNCTIONS FOR PAVN FORCES IN THE AREA.

H. 3/0/STY/R18-68, 211945Z JAN:

SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY
COMMUNICATIONS EXCHANGED ON 20 JANUARY BETWEEN A
PROBABLE HQ, PAVN B3 FRONT AUTHORITY AND A PROBABLE HQ,
PAVN 1ST DIVISION, BOTH LOCATED BY SIGINT IN WEST-CENTRAL

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PLEIKU PROVINCE, RELATED TO IMPENDING COMMUNIST OFFENSIVES
IN THAT AREA. PLANS FOR AN ATTACK ON AN ALLIED POSITION
PROBABLY SOUTHWEST OF DAK TO, KONTUM PROVINCE WERE
REFLECTED IN MESSAGES ON 19 AND 20 JANUARY BETWEEN THE
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION OF HQ, 1ST DIVISION AND A
SUBORDINATE. RECENT INTENSIFIED OFFENSIVE ACTIONS IN THE
WESTERN AND EASTERN DMZ AREAS WERE EVIDENCED IN PAVN
COMMUNICATIONS.

I. 3/0/STY/R20-68, 232111Z JAN:

SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

SIGINT INDICATED RENEWED INTEREST IN HUE BY THE MOVEMENTS
OF VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST UNITS IN THAT AREA. EVIDENCE
OF IMPENDING ATTACKS IN WEST CENTRAL PLEIKU PROVINCE
CONTINUED TO BE REFLECTED IN MESSAGES EXCHANGED BETWEEN
A PROBABLE PAVN B3 FRONT AUTHORITY AND A PROBABLE PAVN
1ST DIVISION ELEMENT ON 21 AND 22 JANUARY.

J. 2/0/VCM/R27-68, 241714Z JAN:

POSSIBLE IMMINENT VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE
OPERATIONS IN COASTAL PROVINCES OF MILITARY REGION 5
SIGINT INDICATED THAT ELEMENTS OF THE PAVN 2ND DIVISION

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OPERATING IN THE QUANG NAM-QUANG BIN PROVINCE AREAS ARE CURRENTLY IN AN ATTACK POSTURE. INFORMATION ALSO SUGGESTED THAT HQ, MILITARY REGION 5 MAIN FORCE UNIT CONTROL ACTIVATED FORWARD TACTICAL ELEMENTS IN THE PAVN 2ND AND 3RD DIVISIONS AREAS OF OPERATIONS, AN ACTION PREVIOUSLY INDICATIVE OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS.

K. 2/0/VCM/R29-58, 242159Z JAN:

FOLLOW-UP NUMBER 1 TO POSSIBLE IMMINENT VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN COASTAL PROVINCES OF MILITARY REGION 5

UNITS LOCATED IN THE COASTAL PROVINCES OF MILITARY REGION 5 WERE PROVIDED INSTRUCTIONS TO EMPLOY CERTAIN PRACTICES IN PASSING QUOTE N-DAY UNQUOTE MESSAGES; N-DAY IS THE VIETNAMESE EQUIVALENT FOR D-DAY.

L. 2/0/VCM/R28-58, 241826Z JAN:

PAVN B3 FRONT AUTHORITY INDICATES IMMINENT VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE IN WESTERN HIGHLANDS OF MR 5 A MESSAGE ON 24 JANUARY FROM THE PROBABLE HQ, PAVN B3 FRONT AUTHORITY TO A PROBABLE PAVN 1ST DIVISION ELEMENT INSTRUCTED THE UNIT TO PREPARE URGENTLY AND THOROUGHLY

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AND MAINTAIN SECRECY SO THAT THEY COULD FIRE EN MASSE ON
QUOTE N-DAY UNQUOTE.

M. 2/0/VCM/R32-68, 252332Z JAN:

COORDINATED VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE EVIDENCED
IN SOUTH VIETNAM

AN ACCUMULATION OF SIGINT DATA PROVIDED EVIDENCE OF A
COORDINATED VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ATTACK TO OCCUR IN
SEVERAL AREAS OF SOUTH VIETNAM IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE
MAJOR TARGET AREAS APPEARED TO INCLUDE THE WESTERN
HIGHLANDS, THE COASTAL PROVINCES OF MILITARY REGION 5,
AND THE KHE SANH AND HUE AREAS. EVIDENCE ALSO INDICATED
THAT COMMUNIST UNITS IN NAM BO AREA MAY BE INVOLVED.

N. THE REPORT 2/0/VCM/R32-68, CITED ABOVE, WAS
SUPPLEMENTED BY TEN FOLLOW-UP REPORTS RELEASED BY 30
JANUARY: 2/0/VCM/R36-68, FOLLOW-UP NR1, 272009Z; R37-68,
FOLLOW-UP NR 2, 281615Z; R38-68; FOLLOW UP NR 3, 281902Z;
R39-68, FOLLOW-UP NR 4, 282120Z; R40-68, FOLLOW-UP NR 5,
290038Z; R41-68, FOLLOW-UP NR 6, 290532Z; R42-68, FOLLOW-
UP NR 7, 292147Z; R43-68, FOLLOW-UP NR 8, 292320Z; R44-68,
FOLLOW-UP NR 9, 300725Z; R47-68, FOLLOW-UP NR 10, 302155Z. UNQUOTE

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