FOLLOW-UP NUMBER 4 TO
COORDINATED VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE EVIDENCED IN SOUTH VIETNAM

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Recently available messages transmitted on an unidentified communications structure operating in the eastern Quang Nam Province area of Military Region 5 have made further reference to an "N-Day" attack and have indicated the targets of an unidentified Vietnamese Communist unit. A message of 27 January passed from the control authority of the unidentified formation--last located on 30 December 1967 near 15-5LN 155-12E (HT 914596)--to one of its two unidentified subordinates stated: "It is no longer necessary to attack the headquarters of the [ARVN] 51st Regiment. Concentrate on preparing A2 for an N-Day attack, and after that, A1. Attack the headquarters of the 51st Regiment only as a last (C val resort) and if you are able to carry out the objectives for your unit."

Earlier messages exchanged by entities of this formation during the period 11-20 January discussed the movement out of Da Nang by troops belonging to the 51st Regiment on 20 January, the additional precautions against Vietnamese Communist activity being taken by the South Vietnamese Field Police guarding the intersections and "the city proper," the maintainance of "three" 82 mm mortars, the procedures for daily situation reports, and the movement of a 2 watt radio and personnel to operate it from "Q3" to the "forward agency of the party committee."

One other unidentified element of this formation was located on 30 December 1967 near 15-45N 156-26E (AT 798436) in eastern Quang Nam Province.