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FOLLOW-UP NUMBER 7 TOCOORDINATED VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVEEVIDENCED IN SOUTH VIETNAM (252332Z)

The subordinate of the Military Intelligence Section (MIS), Hq, PAVN 1st Division, which has recently discussed moving troops and artillery in preparation for an attack¹, is now confirmed as still being in the western Kontum Province area as late as 26 January. This subordinate had indicated on 24 January that it was embarked on a six-day journey. This fact and references in its messages to approaching or crossing a river suggested that it may have been joining other probable PAVN 1st Division elements which had reported crossing a river in the Pleiku Province area in preparation for an impending attack in that area.² However, SIGINT of 26 January revealed that this subordinate was still in western Kontum Province near 14-34N 107-47E (YB 996120). The subordinate had been instructed by the MIS on 28 January to commence its attack no later than 0030 hours (Golf) on 30 January and its target had been identified as "B3." It also had been notified that another Communist unit would arrive in the "B3" target area at 0200 hours (Golf) on 30 January. Other evidence of an impending attack in the western Kontum Province area is suggested by a recent 34 km move of another PAVN 1st Division MI subordinate from Cambodia into western Kontum near 14-47N 107-41E (YB 894361) and by the recent movement within Laos of the MIS bringing it 7 km closer to the Kontum Province border. All four subordinates of the MIS, Hq, PAVN 1st Division are presently in the western Kontum Province-Cambodia border area.

In addition, recent messages passed from an element of the PAVN 1st Division have mentioned "continuous day and night observation" of Tan Canh (14-39N 107-48E, ZB 0223), "the airfield," "the road from Tan Canh to Kontum" and the bridge at Dien Binh (14-37N 107-48E, ZB 0918). These messages also mentioned implementation of a plan which would begin no later than 28 January and end no later than 2 February.

Thus, SIGINT continues to indicate at least two impending offensives in the western highlands area: the Pleiku Province and western Kontum Province area. Messages of 16³ and 24 January⁴ passed from a PAVN B3 Front authority to a probable element of the Hq, PAVN 1st Division suggested a plan for a simultaneous attack in the Dak To area of Kontum Province, the Pleiku city and western Pleiku Province area and the Phu Bon-Darlac Province area.

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