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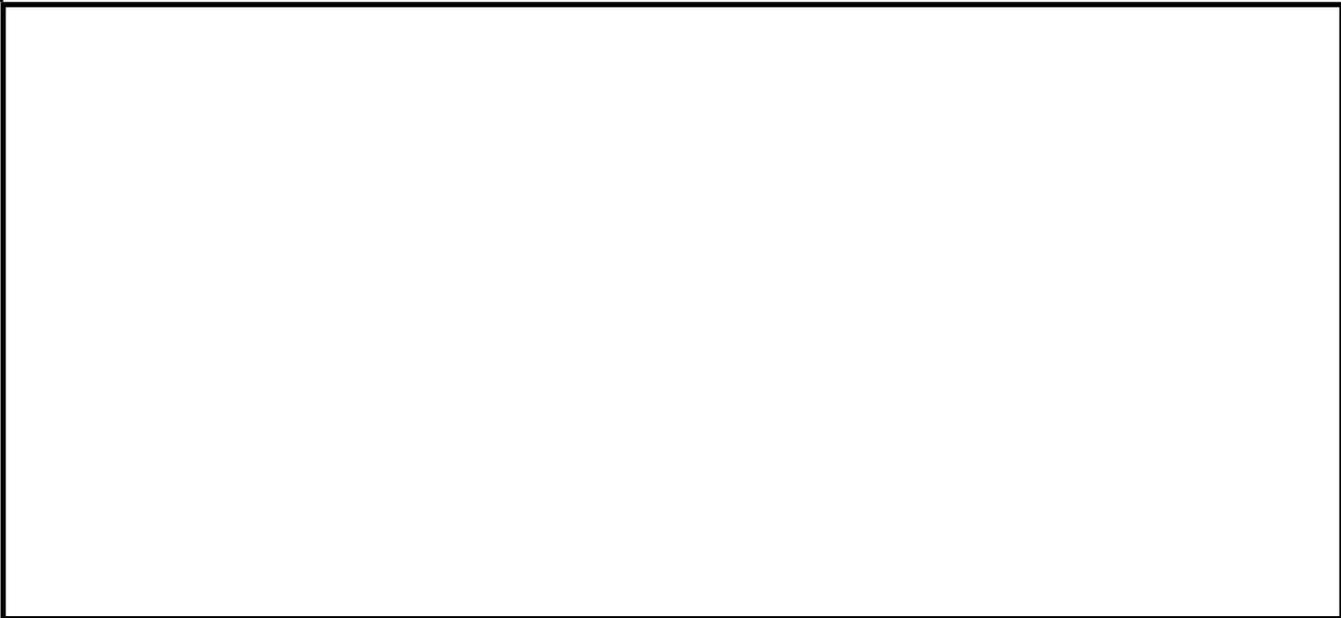
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SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

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SITUATION SUMMARY

In Military Region (MR) 5 in South Vietnam, indications of an impending Communist attack in western Pleiku Province continue to appear in messages exchanged between the probable Hq, PAVN B3 Front authority and a probable PAVN 1st Division element. Two unidentified B3 Front-associated entities have relocated in the western highlands while to the east, two Hq, MR 5 Forward Tactical Elements are currently active in Quang Nam and Binh Dinh Provinces. In MR 1, the Military Affairs Section of COSVN passed five urgent precedence messages to Hq, B3 Front on 23 January, according to preliminary information. Elsewhere in MR 1, a military intelligence subordinate of the Viet Cong (VC) 5th Light Infantry Division reappeared in communications on 24 January and the military intelligence element of the Hq, VC 274th Regiment relocated northward in northeastern Bien Hoa Province. Finally, on 23 January the unidentified possible Front Headquarters in Binh Long Province of MR 10 attempted to communicate with the Hq, VC 5th and 9th Light Infantry Divisions for the first time since 29 November and 26 September 1967, respectively.

SIGINT has located two radio stations associated with the probable PAVN 95C Regiment in the immediate vicinity of Khe Sanh and disclosed the continued transporting of ammunition and rice from storage areas northwest of Khe Sanh by elements of the PAVN 90th Regiment. Hq, probable PAVN 304th Division and two suspect infantry regiments accomplished minor relocations, remaining in the Khe Sanh area. In the eastern DMZ area, increased offensive operations by the 27th Battalion have been reflected.



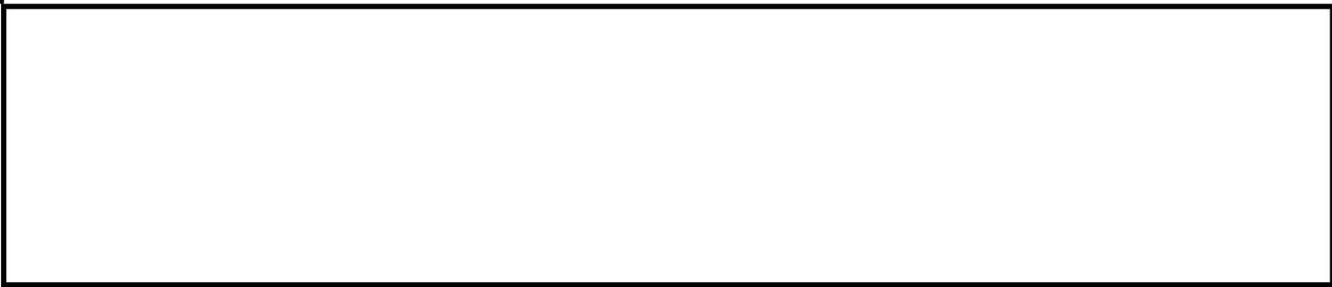
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I. COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIA

A. MILITARY

1. Vietnamese Communist Communications - South Vietnam

Military Region 5

In western Pleiku Province, elements of the PAVN B3 Front have continued to exchange data relating to an impending attack in that area. On 22 and 23 January, the probable Hq, B3 Front authority passed a number of messages to a probable PAVN 1st Division element in western Pleiku, some of which mentioned the impending Communist offensive, and "N-Day," the Vietnamese equivalent of D-Day. One message on 23 January stated that "The commanding officer sends his expressions to the Division [probably a reference to the 1st Division] units in the front that the mission be accomplished well. It is necessary to encourage the troops.... Most confident that the impending mission will meet with success." Another message, on 24 January, instructed the probable 1st Division element to plan the "attack with a single mind and single heart.... It is possible that N-Day will be moved up. I will report the plan later.... All movement must be at the stipulated times.... All of you are to report the plan for the final performance by 0600 hours 26 January [2300Z on 25 January]."

In other activity in the western highlands, an unidentified terminal associated with the B3 Front moved in the Laos-Cambodia-Kontum Province tri-border area to a position near 14-31N 107-26E (YB 629063) by 24 January, approximately 11 km south of its 21 January location.

New activity involving the last two military intelligence (MI) elements of the 1st Division remaining in South Vietnam was revealed in messages of 23 and 24 January exchanged between these subordinate and the MI Section (MIS), Hq 1st Division. In a 23 January message the MIS instructed one subordinate--located on 16 January just south

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of Highway 512 near 14-41N 107-40E (YB 878250)--to select several people to return to "receive a new assignment." On 24 January the second subordinate, located on 6 January about 12 km southwest of Dak To near 14-34N 107-42E (YB 930127), notified the MIS that it would be "on the move for six days."

In southeastern Kontum Province another unidentified B3 Front-associated radio entity moved between 19 and 24 January to a position near 14-25N 108-05E (AR 857977), about 12 km southeast of its previous location and approximately 11 km northeast of Kontum city.

In northern Pleiku Province, a terminal which serves Hq, B3 Front, Pleiku Province, was tentatively located near 14-10N 107-59E (ZA 225688) on 25 January. If valid, this location would represent a movement of about 17 km west-southwest of this element's 24 January position.

In activity related to impending attacks in other areas of MR 5, two Hq, MR 5 Forward Tactical Elements are currently active--one in Quang Nam Province and the other, in Binh Dinh Province. The Hq, MR 5 Forward Tactical Element, operating in Quang Nam, indicated on 24 and 25 January that it was repositioning. This forward tactical element, which temporarily disappeared from communications on 22 December 1967, reappeared in sporadic communications on 6 January, and probably was colocated with Hq, PAVN 2nd Division during its brief period of inactivity. It now maintains communications with Hq, MR 5 Main Force Unit Control (MFUC) and Hq, Rear Services Group 44. Additionally, this element has established communications with the Hq, 2nd Division, indicating that it probably has recently separated from that headquarters.

The Hq, MR 5 Forward Tactical Element, operating in eastern Bin Dinh Province, was last located on 24 January near 14-08N 108-54E (BR 731621) and apparently has been active since at least 30 November 1967. This forward element maintains communications with Hq, MR 5 MFUC; Hq, B3 Front; Hq, PAVN 3rd Division; Hq, VC 2nd Regiment; Hq, PAVN 18th Regiment; Hq, PAVN 22nd Regiment; and an unidentified PAVN 3rd Division-associated radio station. This

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forward element also possibly maintains communications with Hq, PAVN 5th Division; the tentative Hq, PAVN 95th Regiment, 5th Division; the Binh Dinh and Quang Ngai Provincial Units; and an unidentified possible Rear Services Element.

In other activity in the northern area of MR 5 an unidentified subordinate of Hq, Rear Services Group 44 was initially located on 23 January in southern Quang Nam Province near 15-42N 107-57E (ZC 162374).

In northeastern Quang Tin Province the probable Quang Nam Provincial Unit--located on 22 January near 15-29N 108-25E (BT 237128)--reported on 23 January that it was in a difficult situation and surrounded. Between 21 and 24 January, this unit ceased communications with its four unidentified subordinates, which also operate in the Quang Tin area. Additionally, an unidentified possible rear services element was located on 24 January near 15-26N 108-31E (BT 353084) near the southeastern Quang Tin-northeastern Quang Ngai border, approximately 17 km west-southwest of Chu Lai and about 22 km northeast of its 14 January location.

In northeastern Quang Ngai Province an unidentified subordinate of Hq, MR 5 Provincial Unit Control (PUC) indicated that it was in a difficult situation and under attack. This subordinate was last located on 21 December near 15-13N 108-50E (BS 690828) about 8 km north-northwest of Quang Ngai city. In central Quang Ngai Province, another unidentified subordinate of Hq, MR 5 PUC was initially located near 14-58N 108-33E (BS 379553) on 24 January.

(2/G12/VCM/R224-68, 250839Z; R0222-68, 250645Z; R0221-68, 250640Z; R0219-68, 241857Z; R0218-68, 241855Z; R0217-68, 241625Z; R0216-68, 241600Z; R0215-68, 241439Z; R0213-68, 241320Z; R0212-68, 241225Z; R0211-68, 241215Z; R0210-68, 240315Z; R0209-68, 240110Z; T184-68, 231930Z) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

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Military Region 1

Preliminary information indicates that the Military Affairs Section (MAS) of COSVN sent five messages of an urgent nature to Hq, B3 Front on 23 January. On the previous day, MAS COSVN was observed passing messages of a similar nature to Hq, B3 Front; Hq, MR 1,2,3,5,6, and 10; and an unidentified military station located in Phuoc Long Province. Although the significance of this activity cannot be determined, it may be related to the recent developments in MR 5 which have indicated that the Vietnamese Communists plan to initiate offensive activities. A message sent by a probable Hq, B3 Front authority on 17 January to Hq, PAVN 1st Division stated in part that "the Military Committee of the Central Office for Vietnam has advocated a new theater of operations."

In other activity, an unlocated subordinate of the MIS, Hq, VC 5th Light Infantry Division (LID) reappeared in communications on about 24 January; however, the subordinate has not resumed intelligence reporting since that date. This MI element was last noted in communications activity during late December 1967 - early January 1968.

Finally, the MI element of Hq, VC 274th Regiment was located on 24 January in northeastern Bien Hoa Province near the Bien Hoa-Long Khanh Province border at 10-59N 107-03E (YT 259173), approximately 35 km north of its 10 January position and about 25 km east of Bien Hoa city. This element communicates with two subordinates: one located on 24 January in central Bien Hoa near 10-43N 106-53E (YS 082865); the other located on 11 January in eastern Bien Hoa near 10-38N 106-57E (YS 150776).

(2/G10/VCM/R33-68, 250312Z; R32-68, 242322Z; 2/G10/VCJ/R24-68, 241655Z; 2/O/VCM/R28-68, 241826Z; R27-68, 241714Z 3/O/STY/R21-68; R16-68) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

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Military Region 10

Preliminary information indicates that on 23 January the unidentified possible Front Headquarters in northern Binh Long Province attempted to communicate with Hq, VC 5th and 9th LID's. The possible Front had not been noted in activity with Hq, 5th and 9th LID's since 29 November and 26 September 1967, respectively (2/O/G10/VCJ/R024-68, 241655Z) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

2. DRV Communications

DMZ Area

On 24 January SIGINT located two radio stations associated with the possible PAVN 95C Regiment in the immediate Khe Sanh area. One station possibly serving the 5th Battalion of the regiment was located 6 km northeast of Khe Sanh at 16-40N 106-46E (XD 887438) and another, serving an unidentified entity, was located 5 km north of Khe Sanh at 16-40N 106-44E (XD 860430).

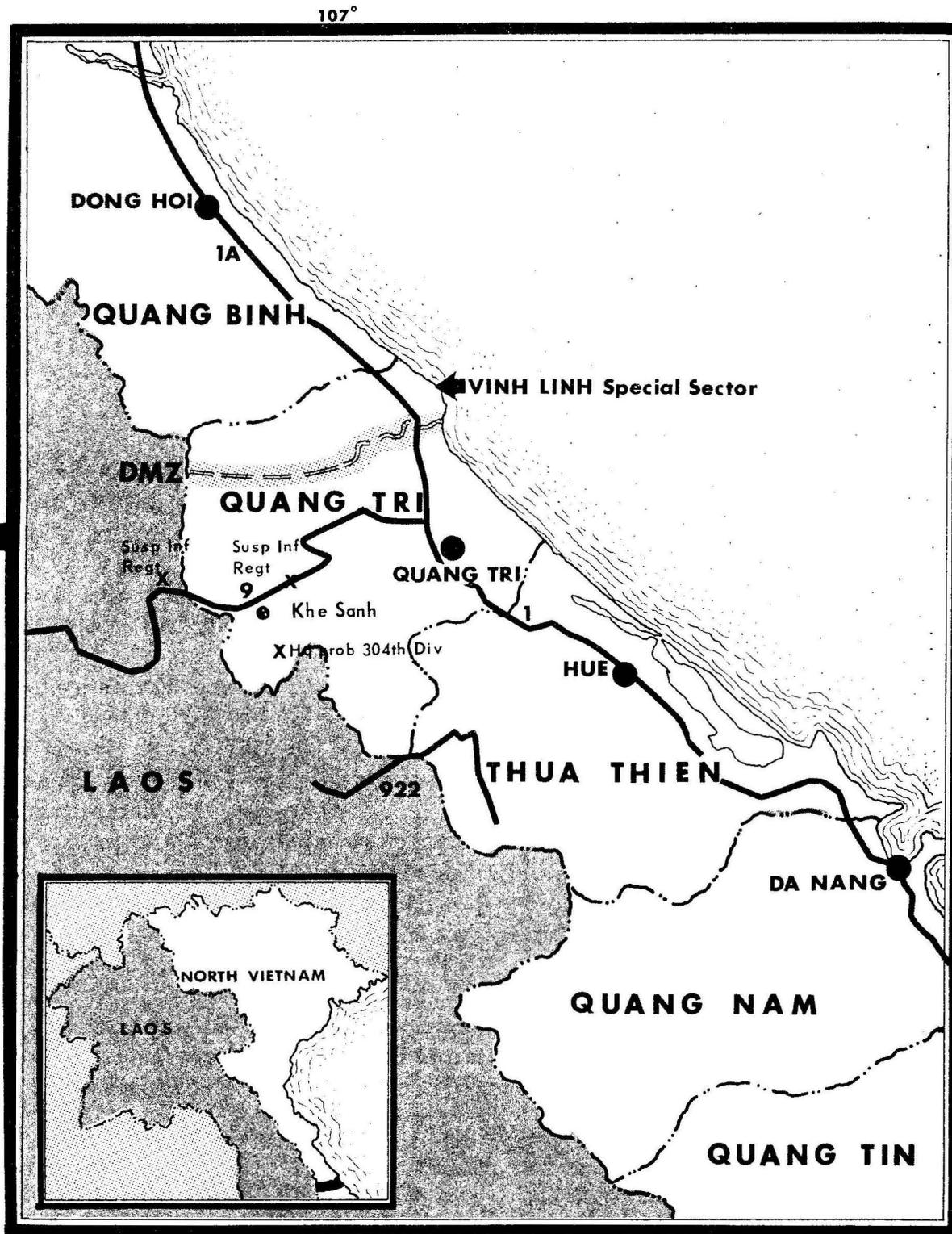
Elements of the PAVN 90th Regiment continue transporting ammunition and rice from unlocated storage areas northwest of Khe Sanh. Ammunition types mentioned on 24 January were 60-mm mortar, 82-mm mortar, B41 rocket launcher and 122.4-mm rockets. Units were ordered to emphasize air defense due to increased B-52 and reconnaissance aircraft activity in the area; additionally, the 75th Battalion was ordered to make preparation in every aspect for receipt of combat orders, possibly indicating near completion of the battalion's transportation role.

Elsewhere, elements of the PAVN 803rd Regiment continue to report Allied activity in the area east of Gio Linh (16-56N 107-05E YD 213732), and on 25 January reported the entry of warship with six tanks aboard into Cua Viet (16-52N 107-10E, YD 340700).

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Increased offensive operations by the 27th Battalion in the eastern DMZ area have also been reflected, including attacks against Routes 9 and 1, and local popular forces. In addition, political propaganda has been directed at local inhabitants. The 7th Company, active immediately north of the Cam Lo River, reportedly lifted mines from Route 73 for planting on Route 1, probably between Routes 73 and 9. This company also was reported to have successfully struck popular forces at An Xuan (16-50N 107-05E, YD 215631) and local forces at Quang Xa (16-53N 107-02E, YD 158678). The 5th Company continues to plant mines on Route 9, reportedly killing five Americans and wounding other on 21 January, and destroying one tank and killing five more Americans on 23 January. Other elements of the battalion were active as far west as Quat Xa (16-48N 106-58E, YD 100592).

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On 24 January, SIGINT reflected the relocations of three elements of the probable 304th Infantry Division. The division headquarters was located at 16-32N 106-46E (XD 881310), and two suspect infantry regiments were located at 16-38N 106-31E (XD 620428) and 16-38N 106-47E (XD 905417) respectively. The division headquarters was last located on 21 January at 16-36N 106-42E (XD 821372). The two suspect infantry regiments were last located at 16-39N 106-28E (XD 754433) and 16-50N 106-12E (XD 2861) on 23 and 22 January respectively.

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### 3. PAVN Communications in Laos

It now appears that all of the terminals which serve the PAVN headquarters in the Tchepone area of Laos (17-06N 105-47E, WD 8590) have relocated 41 km southward to an area approximately 17 km west of Tchepone at 16-46N 106-02E (XD 1251). This headquarters continues to maintain normal communications with its 14 unidentified subscribers, and with PAVN High Command, PAVN Headquarters Sam Neua, and Headquarters, DRV Military Region 4.

On 24 January, the broadcast facility which serves the PAVN Tchepone headquarters at its new location was observed communi-

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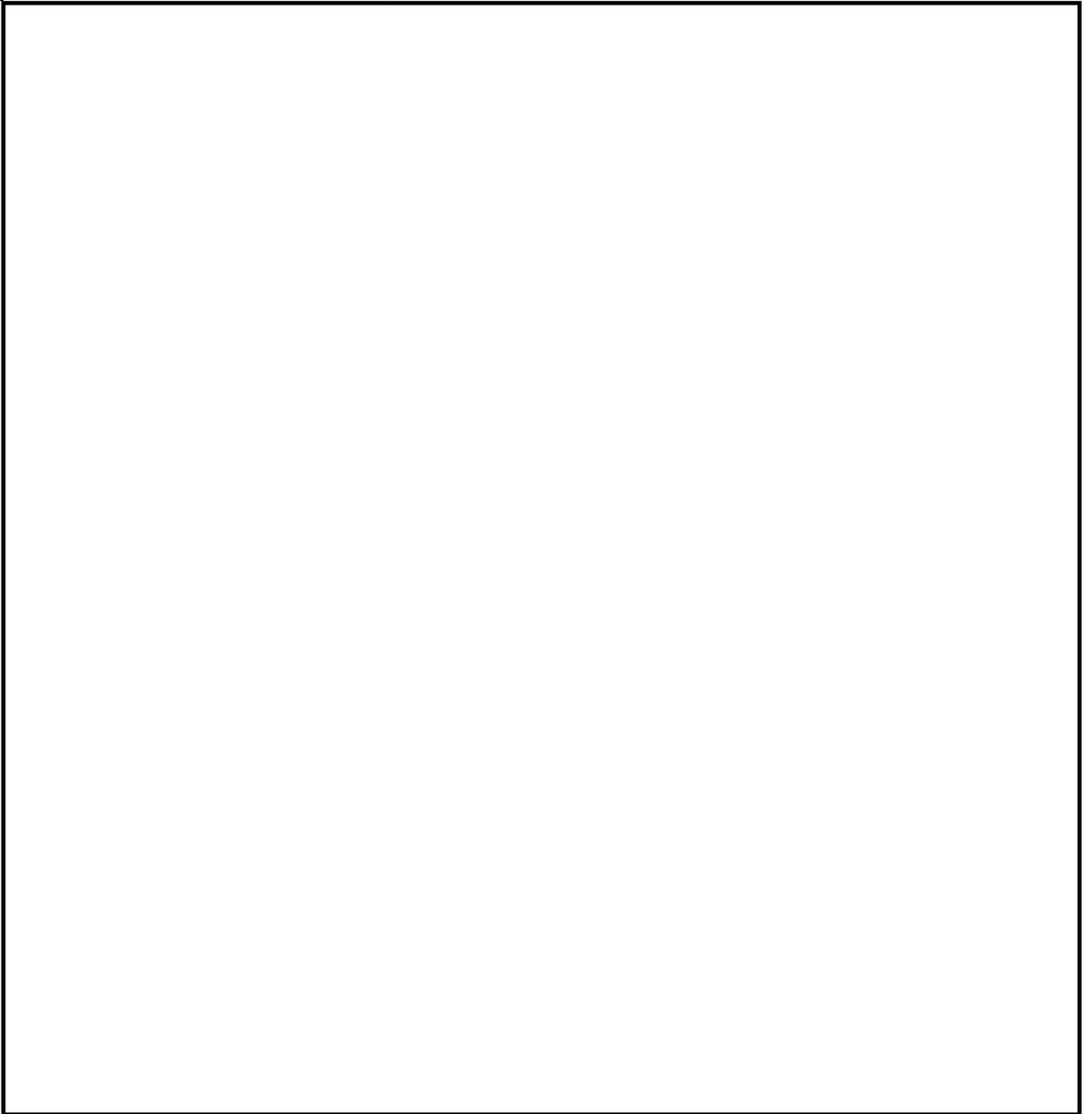
ating with a terminal possibly serving the Forward Headquarters, PAVN 559th Transportation Group. Contact between these two headquarters was first observed on 10 December 1967. The Forward Headquarters was last located on 1 December 1967 at 16-17N 106-38E (XD 7300).

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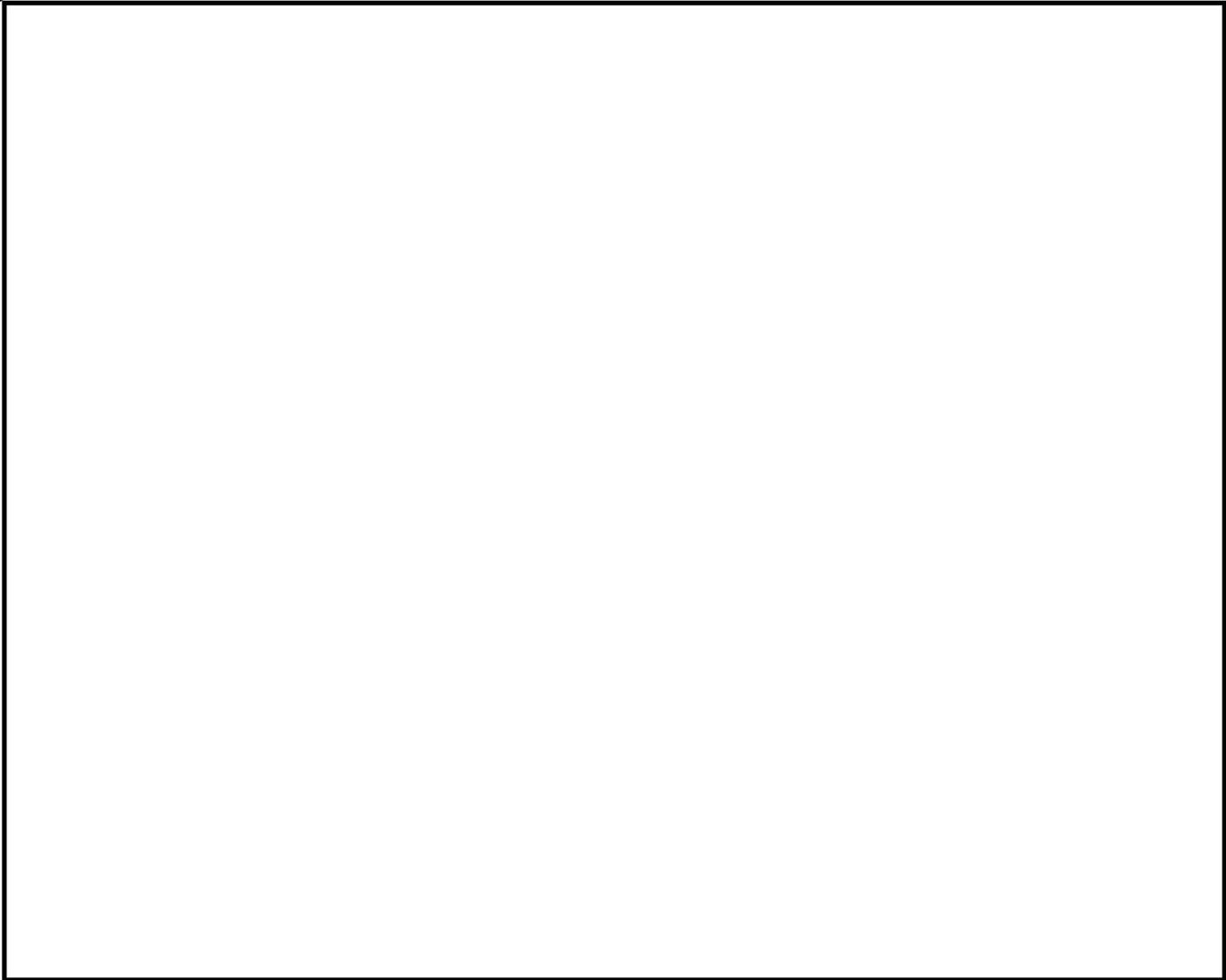


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