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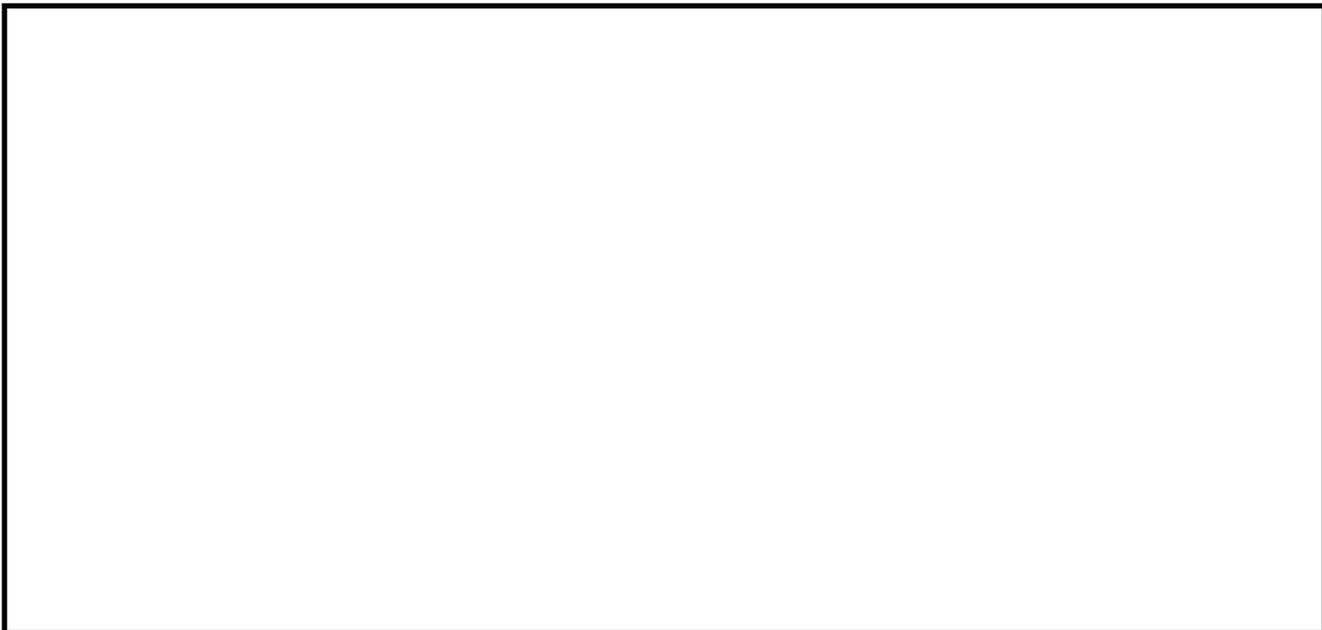
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SITUATION SUMMARY

In the Quang Nam-Quang Tin Province border area of Military Region (MR) 5 in South Vietnam, the Hq, PAVN 2nd Division has not been noted in communications with its regimental subordinates since early on 1 January, indicating that control over these tactical units has now been assumed by the division's probable forward element. Reflections of Allied activity continue to appear in communications serving Communist elements in that area. A report of a Communist attack on a district in Quang Ngai Province was contained in a message passed from a tentatively identified Rear Services element to the Hq, MR 5 Main Force Unit Control on 2 January. The relocation of an unidentified subordinate of the possible Tay Ninh Provincial Unit and the appearance in communications of a second subordinate of the Military Intelligence Section, MR 1, highlighted communications activity in MR 1.

Communications serving PAVN elements in the eastern DMZ area revealed the movement of considerable amounts of supplies during the New Year cease-fire period.

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I. COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIA

A. MILITARY

1. Vietnamese Communist Communications - South Vietnam

Military Region 5

The Quang Nam-Quang Tin Province area continues to be the focal point of Vietnamese Communist activity in MR 5.

The Hq, PAVN 2nd Division has not been observed in communications with its regimental subordinates since 1 January; however, it continues to communicate with its probable forward element. Communications between the probable 2nd Division Forward Element and the regimental subordinates of the division are also being maintained, indicating that this authority has now assumed control over the division's subordinate tactical units. One of the subordinates of this division--the possible Hq, VC 1st Regiment--reported on 1 January that it was engaged in combat and about to move. The Hq, 2nd Division, its probable forward element, the possible Hq, 1st and PAVN 3rd Regiments were last located in southern Quang Nam near 15-38N 108-07E (AT 9130); the PAVN 21st Regiment was located on 31 December near 15-42N 108-09E (AT 977398), in this same general area.

In other activity in the Quang Nam Province area, a possible Rear Services element--last located on 1 January near 15-51N 108-10E (AT 977536)--reported on two occasions on 1 January that it was in a difficult situation, engaged in combat and requested that close communications be maintained. An unidentified subordinate of the probable Quang Nam Provincial Unit, last located near 15-48N 108-25E (BT 245466) in northeastern Quang Tin Province, reported on 1 January that it was about to move--the third such indication by this entity observed since 31 December.

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Tenuous SIGINT information of 31 December 1967 indicates that the Hq, PAVN 31st Regiment continues to operate in south-central Quang Nam in the general vicinity of its 26 December location--15-48N 107-56E (ZC 153486). This regimental headquarters continued to communicate with PAVN High Command and Hq, MR 4 (NVN) through at least 31 December 1967.

In the Quang Ngai Province area a tentatively identified Rear Services Element reported to Hq, MR 5 Main Force Unit Control on 2 January that "[we] attacked the Phuoc Lam District at 0200[G] hours on the morning of 2 January. The enemy...fired blocking the road and fired flares. Consequently [we] were unable to attack the district. [We] attacked the other objectives. I will report the results later." This same entity--located on 4 December near 15-04N 108-27E (BS 268560) in central Quang Ngai--had reported earlier on 1 January that it was in combat and had requested that close communications be maintained. There is a Phuoc Lam Township in north-central Quang Ngai Province near 15-18N 108-40E (BS 493918).

To the south, Hq, PAVN 3rd Division, last located in central Binh Dinh Province near 14-05N 108-56E (BR 788597), has not been observed in communications since early on 31 December.

In the western highlands, SIGINT indicates that the possible PAVN 1st Division Forward Tactical Element has been separated into two entities since mid-December 1967. One entity appears to be operating in Kontum Province with the division headquarters, and was last located at 14-34N 107-29E (YB 677110) on 29 December. This radio station currently communicates with Hq, PAVN B3 Front; Hq, PAVN 66th Regiment; the suspected Hq, PAVN 174th Regiment; and an unidentified suspected artillery unit. The other radio station identified as serving a possible forward tactical element of the division is operating in the northwestern Pleiku Province area and communicates with Hq, B3 Front and Hq, PAVN 32nd Regiment. This forward tactical element was last located near 14-08N 107-42E (YA 917632) on 1 January approximately 8 km north-northwest of its position on 28 December.

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In other activity, radio terminals which serve the tentatively identified PAVN 24th and 174th Regiments have not been observed in communications since at least 30 December. The same two entities had previously been silent on 28 December. Both of these units were last located in Kontum Province--the 24th Regiment at 14-50N 107-53E (ZB 104418) on 22 December and the 174th Regiment at 14-33N 107-34E (YB 781104) on 14 December.

Finally, the Kontum Provincial Unit was located on 1 January near 14-27N 108-02E (AS 818001) approximately 11 km south of its 27 December position and about 13 km north of Kontum city.

(2/G12/VCM/R015-68, 012110Z; R014-68, 012046Z; R013-68, 011800Z; R012-68, 011905Z; R010-68, 011510Z; R08-68, 011320Z; R07-68, 011200Z; R04-68, 010825Z; R05-68, 010950Z; R03-68, 010745Z; R02-68, 010640Z; T01-68, 020055Z; 2/G12/VCJ/R01-68, 011607Z)

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Military Region 1

On 29 December 1967 an unidentified subordinate of the possible Tay Ninh Provincial Unit (TNPU) was located in eastern Tay Ninh Province at 11-21N 106-13E (XT 336536), approximately 30 km southwest of its last firm SIGINT location on 10 June in the northeastern part of the province. The subordinate's latest position is also about 13 km northwest of the base area in which the possible TNPU operated prior to its move to the western Tay Ninh-Cambodia border area.

A VC radio station employing radio procedures normally used by the Eastern Nam Bo Branch (ENBR) of the Liberation News Agency was located on 30 December 1967 slightly north of the COSVN base area at 11-46N 106-04E (XU 170002), near the northern Tay Ninh-Cambodia border. This station was last located by SIGINT on 6 December 1967 at 11-35N 106-19E (XT 435805) in north-central Tay Ninh Province. It cannot be determined if this activity represents a forward detached element, or a relocation of the ENBR.

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In other activity, a second subordinate of the Military Intelligence Section (MIS), MR 1, appeared in communications on 25 December. This subordinate--located on 31 December in central Bien Hoa Province near 10-42N 106-57E (YS 155842)--has been reporting on Allied activity and apparently on Vietnamese Communist tactical activity.

It cannot yet be determined if this is a new subordinate of the MIS, MR 1, or a formerly active subordinate which has reappeared in communications after a period of inactivity since mid-October. The formerly active subordinate was last located on 6 October in northeastern Binh Duong Province at 11-13N 106-45E (XT 921389).

(2/G10/VCM/T0006-68, 012018Z; T0002-68, 011215Z; T1759-67, 312015Z DEC; 3/O/STY/R290-67; R310-67; 2/G10/VCJ/R005-67, 301605Z) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

2. DRV Communications

DMZ Area

Tactical communications serving PAVN elements in the eastern DMZ area have been reflected the movement of considerable amounts of supplies during the New Year cease-fire period. On 1 January, the Hq, 27th Independent Battalion reported that the amounts of rice transported on the night of 31 December 1967 were 380 kg by the 7th Company, 1500 kg by the 8th Company and 120 kg by battalion headquarters. On 2 January an unidentified element of the PAVN 803rd Regiment reported also on the rice that had been transported on 1 January. It was revealed that the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Companies of the 1st Battalion and regimental support Companies 12, 14, and 17 had been engaged in the transporting of rice and the amounts reflected totaled 8,400 kg. In addition, 1,026 boxes of other foodstuffs were reportedly transported by the 3rd and 4th Companies, 1st Battalion, 803rd Regiment.

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The Hq, DMZ Front has not been noted in communications with the two unidentified subscribers of the PAVN High Command communications network serving major PAVN Headquarters in or associated with South Vietnam since 21 and 27 December. Communications between the front and these two entities were initially noted on 30 November and 18 December, respectively.

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PAVN High Command/320th-304th Infantry Divisions

On 1 January communications activity reflecting the probable PAVN 304th and 320th Infantry Divisions was limited to the appearance of "way station" ECHO in communications with PAVN High Command. On 2 January, station ECHO attempted unsuccessfully to communicate with High Command. A probable garrison element of Hq 320th Division was noted in communications with Hq, MR 3 North on 1 and 2 January. ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

Overland Infiltration

On 31 December 1967 tentative Hq, 71st Transportation Regiment was observed passing a high number of messages (30) to the probable Hq, PAVN 559th Transportation Group during an unusually long communications schedule. It is unknown at this time whether this unusual activity reflects an end of the month/year report or an attempt by the 71st Regiment to take advantage of the New Year's truce. The previous high during month of December was on 25 December when 27 messages were passed by the 71st Regiment to the Hq, 559th Transportation Group. Prior to the 25th, the highest daily total from the 71st Regiment to Hq, 559th was 15 messages.

The Hq, 71st Transportation Regiment was last located on 31 December along Route 96 in the vicinity of 15-48N 106-50E (XC 968467).

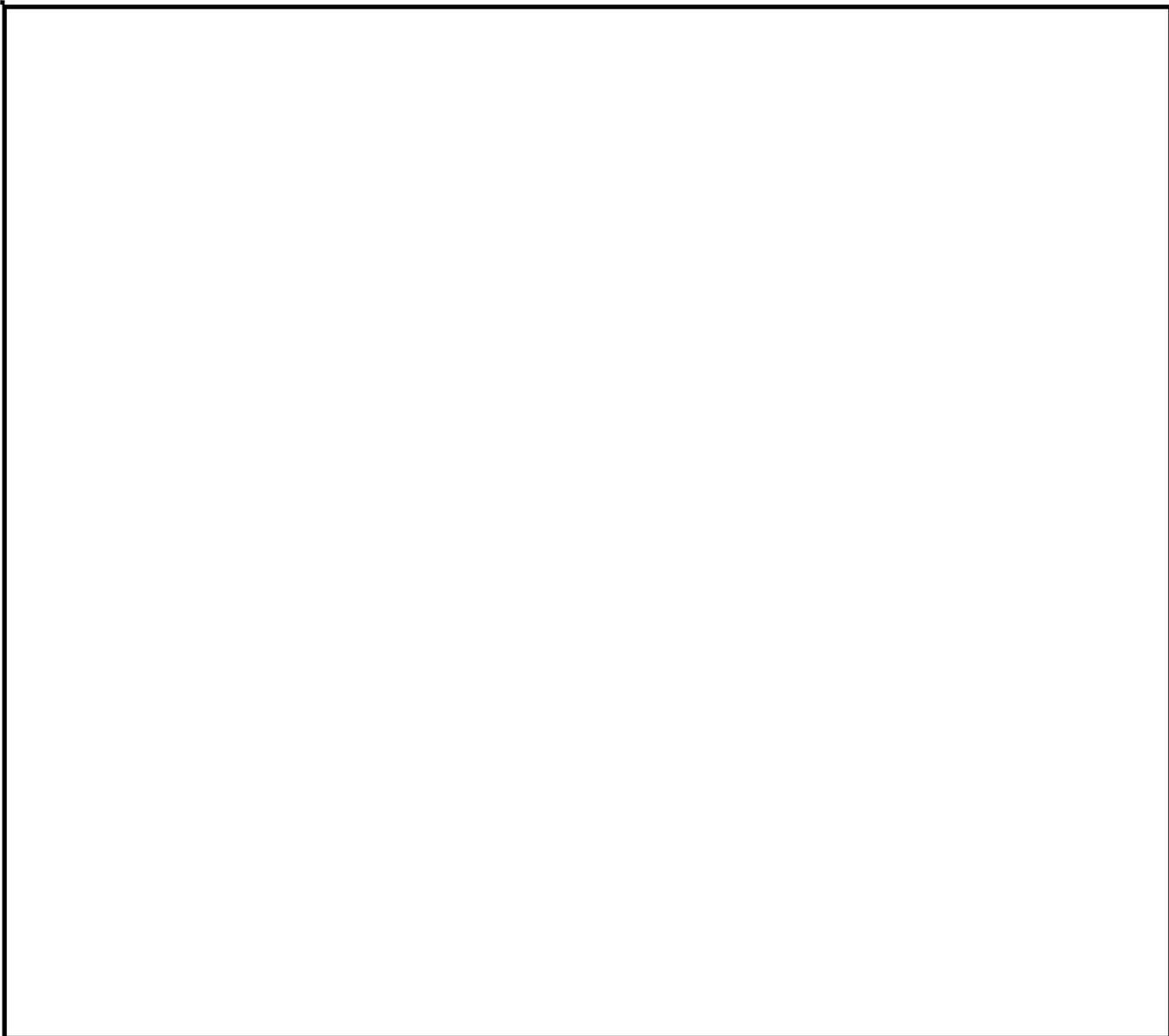
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Possibly as early as 4 December an unidentified, unlocated subscriber on the communications network which serves major PAVN headquarters in or associated with South Vietnam has been observed communicating with the probable Hq, 559th Transportation Group watch facility. This entity also communicated with the DMZ Front from 30 November to 21 December.

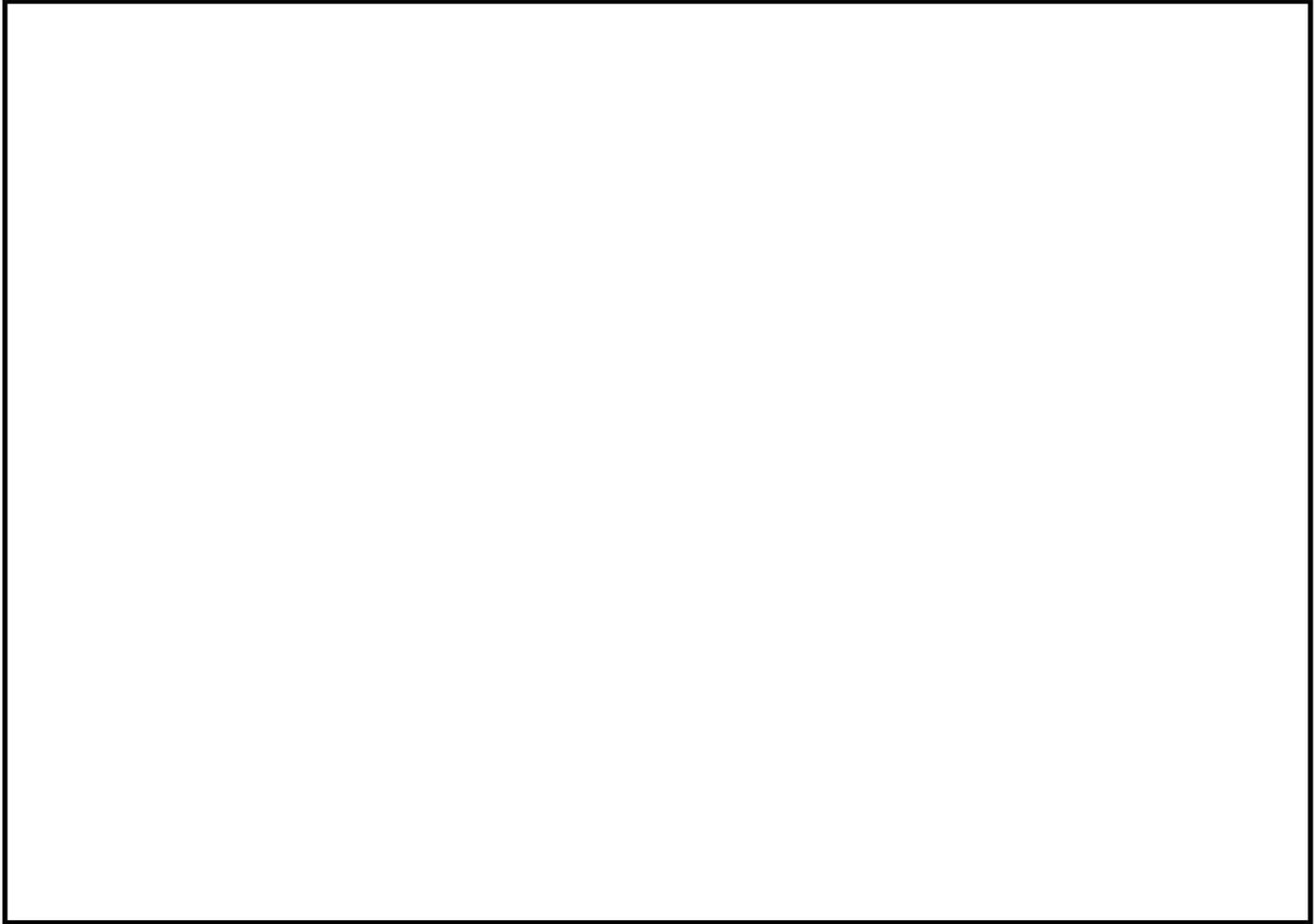
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