NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

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In Military Region (MR) 5 in South Vietnam, the Military Intelligence Section, PAVN 1st Division has relocated northward in the Laos-Cambodia-Kontum Province border area. To the east, two entities, which have been observed in communications since mid-November 1967, have been identified in SIGINT as military intelligence elements possibly associated with the PAVN B3 Front; these elements have been reporting on Allied activity near Kontum City since at least 3 December.

The detached element of the possible Hq, 325C Division attempted to communicate with Hq, MR 4 on 10 January, representing the first indication of an attempted contact between these two entities. In addition reconnaissance elements associated with the 325C Division have been reporting on Allied activity to the northwest and north of Khe Sanh.
I. COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIA

A. MILITARY

1. Vietnamese Communist Communications-South Vietnam

Military Region 5

In the Quang Nam-Quang Tin Province border area, the possible Hq, PAVN 2nd Division Forward Element continues to control the regiments subordinate to the 2nd Division through at least 10 January.

To the south, in east-central Binh Dinh Province, an unidentified subordinate of the PAVN 3rd Division was located for the first time near 14-11N 109-06E (BR 963677) on 10 January.

In the western highlands, the probable Gia Lai (RVN Pleiku) Provincial Unit--last located in northeastern Pleiku near 14-12N 108-11E (AR 965701) on 3 January--informed the Hq, MR 5 Provincial Unit Control on 10 January that it had been in a difficult situation and under attack between 5 and 9 January.

In Kontum Province, in a message of 10 January the Military Intelligence Section (MIS), PAVN 1st Division informed a subordinate located in the Dak To area that it concurred with the subordinate's plan to move to a new location and stated that "security is the controlling factor in movement and in communications activity." The subordinate was further instructed to report its plans of action and the results of all activity, using the radio of the "reconnaissance [element]" to report the main points, after which a detailed written report was to be sent to "the old billeting area" in order "to avoid compromises." The subordinate was also instructed to have the "engineers" report in detail the results of "the recent attacks on vehicles." This subordinate had reported to the MIS on 9 January that "the engineers returned in order to attack vehicles."
The subordinate was located on 9 January in western Kontum near 14-38N 107-35E (YB 780183).

A second subordinate in the Dak To area reported to the MIS on 9 January that it had identified the unit which "infiltrated and returned from Ngoc Rinh Rua [14-37N 107-42E, YB 9318] and Plei Can [14-47N 107-45E, YB 8525]" as the 173rd Airborne Brigade. The subordinate further stated that he had found envelopes and letters which had been left behind. In an earlier message on 7 January, the MIS had instructed the subordinate to learn the designations of units in the vicinity of Plei Can and Ngoc Rinh Rua. This subordinate, located on 10 January west of Dak To near 14-40N 107-42E (YB 913232), continues to report through 10 January on Allied air and ground activity in the vicinity of Allied Worksite 18.

Between 8 and 10 January, the MIS, 1st Division moved approximately 17 km northward from the Kontum Province-Cambodia border area at 14-32N 107-27E (YB 692077) to a position in Laos near 14-42N 107-25E (YB 666250). This location places the MIS within 5 km of an entity of the possible Forward Tactical Element, 1st Division, located on 9 January near 14-38N 107-24E (YB 660205).

Finally, two elements (a control and a subordinate), which appeared in communications as early as 13 November 1967, have been identified as MI elements possibly associated with the PAVN B3 Front. The subordinate, located on 25 December near 14-28N 108-05E (AS 860026), has been reporting since at least 3 December on Allied air and ground activity in the vicinity of Kontum City and possibly along Route 513 in southern Kontum Province. This reporting continued through at least 8 January.

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Military Region 2

On 10 January, the station tentatively identified as serving the Can Giuoc District Committee of Long An Province was located in its normal operating area in the vicinity of 10-30N 106-42E (XS 8564), 15 km northeast of its location on 29 December.

Military Region 3

According to recent SIGINT, the Region 3 Committee (RC-3) has moved to the coastal area of the Gulf of Siam. On 8 January, RC-3 was located at 09-36N 104-52E (VR 868605), about 14 km northwest of its 16 December 1967 position in southern Kien Giang Province.

2. DRV Communications

DMZ Area

On 10 January the detached element of the possible Hq, PAVN 325C Division attempted to communicate with Hq, MR 4 (NVN) via the latter's watch communications facility. This is the first indication of attempted communications noted between these entities. The detached element, located in the vicinity of 16-43N 106-30E (XD 600465) on 3 January, continues to communicate with the division headquarters and the DMZ Front. Additionally, in December, it was noted in communications with an unidentified subscriber of the PAVN High Command network serving major headquarters in or associated with South Vietnam.

Preliminary information locates the possible Hq, 95C Regiment in the vicinity of 16-46N 106-36E (XD 717563) on 11 January. This headquarters reestablished communications with the possible Hq, 325C Division on 9 January following a period of silence that began on 26 December.
The unidentified reconnaissance elements possibly associated with PAVN 325C Division which have been reporting Allied activity northwest and north of Khe Sanh (16-38N 106-42E, XD 8438) indicated on 11 January that two men (possibly reconnaissance) had gone to Hill 841 (16-40N 106-45E, XD 871448), northeast of Khe Sanh. Also mentioned was an unidentified 16th Battalion, possibly a divisional support unit, previously associated with these same elements on 22 September 1967 in the eastern DMZ area.

On 11 January the 6th Company, 27th Battalion, reported that it had planted the mines but did not yet know the results. No location was mentioned but the company was ordered on 6 January to plant mines on Route 9.

PAVN High Command/304th-320th Divisions

Recently available SIGINT has revealed that as early as 3 January Hq, probable 320th Infantry Division was located in the general vicinity of way station BRAVO. On that date, SIGINT tentatively located the division headquarters at 17-05N 106-45E (XD 8789). Messages originated by Hq, probable 320th Division were last observed being passed by station ECHO on 21 December 1967. On 7 January station BRAVO was initially noted passing messages originated by the division headquarters.