NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

This report summarizes developments noted throughout Southeast Asia available to NSA at time of publication on 14 January 1968. All information in this report is based entirely on SIGINT except where otherwise specifically indicated.

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SITUATION SUMMARY

In Military Region (MR) 5 of South Vietnam, elements of the PAVN 2nd Division, concentrated in the Quang Nam-Quang Tin Province border area, continued to demonstrate an alert posture and to report difficulties from Allied attacks. Farther south, a PAVN 1st Division military intelligence (MI) element continued reporting on Allied activity in the Dak To area, while an MI subordinate of the Viet Cong 9th Light Infantry Division was concerned with Allied convoy movements in Binh Long Province.

In the DMZ area message activity on the PAVN High Command Broadcast serving PAVN units infiltrating through Laos further substantiates the location of the Hq, probable 320th Infantry Division as being in the DMZ. Also the Hq, probable 304th Infantry Division relocated approximately 25 km southeast and is now 7 km from the South Vietnamese border west 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, elements of the PAVN 2nd Division remain in an alert posture with the probable Hq, 2nd Division Forward Element continuing to control the division's subordinate regiments. The Hq, 2nd Division, last located on 11 January near 15-30N 108-06E (AT 983215)--indicated between 1007 and 1033Z, 12 January, that it was in a difficult situation, under bombardment and about to move. At 0304Z, 14 January, the division headquarters reported to Hq, Military Region (MR) 5 Main Force Unit Control that it was again in a difficult situation, in combat and about to move, and requested that close communications be maintained. Available information indicates that 2nd Division elements have been noted only in limited communications since 13 January.

In other activity in this same area, a subordinate of the unidentified Rear Services Hq, Quang Nam Province, was initially located on 12 January in the northwestern Quang Tin-Quang Nam border area near 15-32N 107-58E (ZC 174211). Additionally, a subordinate of the probable Quang Nam Provincial Unit, tentatively located in the vicinity of 15-31N 108-22E (BT 178172) on 11 January, indicated on 13 January that it was about to move. Finally, a subordinate of Hq, MR 5 Main Force Unit Control was initially located on 13 January near 15-40N 107-53E (ZC 092333) in southern Quang Nam Province.

In north-central Quang Ngai Province, the Quang Ngai Provincial Unit, last located near 15-05N 108-40E (BS 493708) on 12 January--indicated on 14 January that it was in a difficult situation and under bombardment. Meanwhile, to the south in eastern Khanh Hoa Province, a subordinate of the Khanh Hoa Provincial
Unit was located on 12 January near 12-12N 109-10E (CP 014482) in its normal operating area about 7 km south of Nha Trang city and approximately 12 km south of its 8 January position.

In the western highlands, elements of the PAVN 1st Division continue to maneuver in the Laos-Kontum Province border area. Hq, 1st Division was located on 11 January near 14-42N 107-28E (YB 658272) about 14 km north-northwest of its 8 January position and approximately 33 km west-northwest of Dak To. Hq, PAVN 66th Regiment was located on 13 January in this same general area near 14-43N 107-37E (YB 839298).

Additionally, in messages of 13 and 14 January, a subordinate of the Military Intelligence Section (MIS), 1st Division continued to report to the MIS on Allied air and ground activity in the Dak To area. In one message on 13 January, the subordinate reported that "the enemy reinforced Dak Ro Keng [14-41N 107-42E, YB 920266] with seven 175-mm artillery pieces." The subordinate then reported in a message of 14 January that "the enemy has the ability to take Dak Ro Keng" and use it along with Worksite 18 (14-41N 107-39E, YB 875255) as a base for expanding to the east. This subordinate was located on 13 January near 14-45N 107-37E (YB 850308).

Meanwhile, a second subordinate received orders in a message from the MIS on 12 January for "the detachment and the station" to return immediately to the "new headquarters to receive a new assignment." Between 9 and 12 January a radio station with which the recipient of the message has been associated in the past moved from 14-37N 107-33E (YB 741187) in the Kontum Province-Cambodia border area to 14-39N 107-27E (YB 663215) in Laos. This station is now located within 3 km of the 13 January location of the MIS near 14-40N 107-27E (YB 647232).
To the south in the Kontum-Pleiku Province border area, an unidentified station associated with the PAVN B3 Front was located on 13 January near 14-07N 107-39E (YA 880639) about 10 km north-northeast of Plei Djereng and approximately 25 km southeast of its 3 January location. Another unidentified station associated with the B3 Front was located on 14 January near 14-04N 107-43E (YA 955569), about 12 km south-southeast of its 8 January position.

Finally, the probable Darlac Provincial Unit was located on 12 January in southwestern Darlac Province near 12-28N 108-04E (AP 811795), approximately 23 km west-northwest of its 7 January location.

Military Region 1

A subordinate of the probable C95 Reconnaissance Company of the MIS, Hq, Viet Cong 9th Light Infantry Division continued to report on Allied activity in central Binh Long Province through at least 13 January. In a message of 13 January, the subordinate reported on Allied convoy movements between Binh Phu (11-39N 106-34E, XT 7288) and Cam Le (11-44N 106-34E, XT 7297).

A second subordinate--presently unlocated--reported to the probable C95 Reconnaissance Company, also on 13 January, that there were "no enemy at Ba Vung [unlocated]" but indicated that "air and artillery" were active in the area.
In other activity, a subordinate of the MIS, MR 1 continued to report detailed Allied convoy activity between Bien Hoa and Xuan Loc (10-59N 107-11E, YT 4019). This subordinate was located on 12 January in the Bien Hoa-Long Khanh Province border area near 10-53N 107-06E (YT 312043).

Military Region 2

A SIGINT location obtained on 11 January suggests that the tentative Long An Provincial Unit (LAPU) has moved from the Cambodia-Hau Nghia Province border area to Long An Province near 10-34N 106-34E (XS 706608). The LAPU had been located in the Cambodia-Hau Nghia Province border area since at least late September 1967. The significance of this move cannot yet be determined.

Military Region 10

On 13 January, the possible Hq, Unidentified Front was located in northern Binh Long Province near the Cambodia border at 11-57N 106-32E (XU 674228). This places the possible front in its normal operating area approximately 14 km north of its 8 January location. This headquarters apparently moved south-southeast from its normal base area between 23 December and 8 January.

2. DRV Communications

PAVN High Command/304th-320th Divisions

On 12 January message activity observed on the PAVN High Command Mainline Broadcast serving PAVN units and replacement personnel infiltrating through Laos further substantiated the location of Hq, probable 320th Infantry Division and an associated
element in the DMZ area. Messages originated by the unidentified entity associated with the probable 320th Division were relayed by High Command to Hq, probable 320th Division. The message characteristics were those normally associated with MR 4 and DMZ communications. Prior to this activity, the characteristics of all messages passed on probable 320th Division communications were associated with MR 3 North. Both this unidentified entity and Hq, probable 320th Division are believed to be located in the DMZ area.

Also on 12 January, SIGINT located Hq, probable 304th Infantry Division in the vicinity of 16-23N 106-41E (XD 797128), some 25 km southeast of its 29 December location (16-30N 106-30E, XD 600271). The present location is some 7 km west of the South Vietnamese border, in Laos.

On 11 January Hq, PAVN 29th Infantry Regiment was noted for the first time on the High Command communications complex serving major PAVN headquarters either in or associated with South Vietnam. Identified subordinates of this complex include headquarters of the B3 Front, MR's Tri-Thien-Hue, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10, the DMZ Front, and the PAVN 325C Division, which previously was the lowest echelon subscriber on this complex. On 11 January, SIGINT located the regimental headquarters in the area of 16-40N 106-20E (XD 471400) southwest of the DMZ.

Military Region 5

An increase in communications on the Region 5 Committee (RC-5) broadcast net has been observed since 8 January. This facility, which normally employs 2 schedules daily, changed to a "watch" type operation, employing as many as 14 hourly schedules. The reason for this change in communications procedure is unknown. SIGINT has indicated that Communist elements have recently been endeavoring to expedite offensive activity in MR 5.
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