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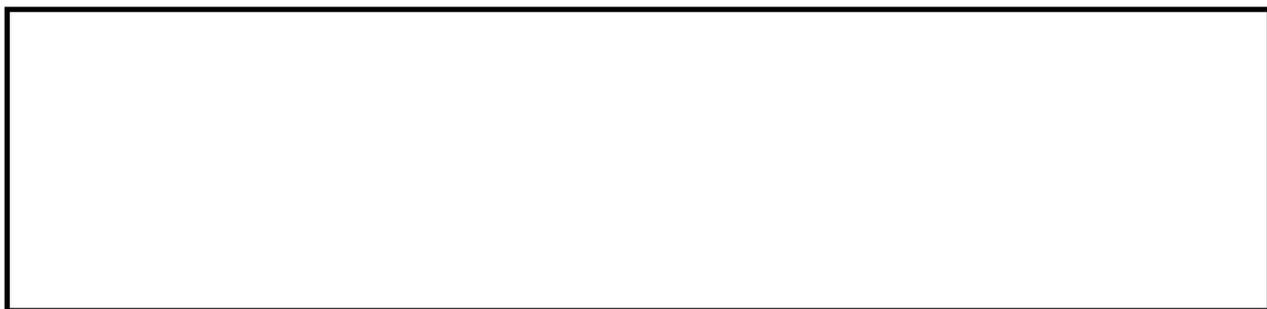
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This report summarizes developments noted throughout Southeast Asia available to NSA at time of publication on 15 January 1968. All information in this report is based entirely on SIGINT except where otherwise specifically indicated.

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SITUATION SUMMARY

In Military Region (MR) 5 in South Vietnam, communications serving elements of the PAVN 2nd Division in the Quang Nam-Quang Tin Province border area have reflected relocations or impending moves by these units. In the western highlands, two military intelligence subordinates of the PAVN 1st Division reported on Allied activity in western Kontum Province, and a third reported the results of Allied air strikes on its position. Results of a Communist attack in Tay Ninh Province in MR 1 were contained in a message passed between detached elements of the Military Intelligence Bureau of COSVN. Reporting by military intelligence elements of the Viet Cong (VC) 9th Light Infantry Division and indications that the unidentified possible Front Headquarters in Binh Long Province has attempted to contact other MR headquarters, highlighted activity in MR 10.

In the DMZ area the reunification of the DMZ Front with its detached element may have been effected with the reappearance of the broadcast facility after a silence of 15 days. The Hq, possible PAVN 95C regiment has been located approximately 22 km northwest of Khe Sanh and the PAVN 90th Regiment continues to reflect the transportation of supplies in the central DMZ area.

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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 Hq, PAVN 2nd Division indicated on 14 January that it was about to move. Three days earlier, this headquarters was located by SIGINT in north-central Quang Tin Province near 15-33N 108-06E (AT 893215). The possible Hq, PAVN 3rd Regiment, 2nd Division moved about 12 km westward between 5 and 14 January, to a position in south-central Quang Nam Province near 15-39N 108-04E (AT 882318). On 14 January, the possible VC 1st Regiment, 2nd Division, informed the possible forward element of the division that it was about to move. This regiment, located along the eastern portion of the Quang Nam-Quang Tin border near 15-40N 108-16E (BT 077321) on 11 January, reported similar plans on 15 January. Additionally, a radio station associated with the Hq, MR 5 Provincial Unit Control (PUC) was located on 14 January near 15-27N 107-52E (ZC 045122) in northwestern Quang Tin, 13 km southwest of its 13 January location.

To the south, in east-central Binh Dinh Province, the Hq, PAVN 3rd Division was located near 14-12N 109-08E (BR 998702) on 13 January, 26 km northeast of its 10 January location.

In the western highlands, Hq, PAVN 32nd Regiment, PAVN 1st Division, moved 37 km northwestward between 2 and 14 January, from a position in Kontum Province to a location in the Laos-Cambodia-Vietnam tri-border area near 14-36N 107-28E (YB 676164). The 32nd Regiment currently maintains daily communications with Hq, B3 Front, Kontum Province, but has been inactive with the possible Forward Tactical Element, PAVN 1st Division since 9 January. On 12 January the regiment was noted in communications with Hq, 1st Division for the first time since 7 December 1967.

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Shelling of 25 minutes' duration at an unspecified airfield was reported on 13 January to an unidentified military intelligence (MI) control authority, located in southern Kontum Province, by a subordinate located on 25 December about 20 km northeast of Kontum City near 14-29N 108-04E (AS 860026). The subordinate stated that "air and artillery did not react" and that "the Americans swept Con Be village near Route 5" (there are three Con Be villages located in the vicinity of 14-24N 108-12E, BS 0011).

The subordinate continued to report on Allied ground and air activity in southern Kontum Province through at least 13 January. Both the control authority and the subordinate are possibly associated with the PAVN B3 Front. Between 20 December and 10 January another unidentified element associated with the B3 Front moved about 44 km to the southeast to a position near 14-30N 108-05E (AS 864052), less than 5 km from the MI subordinate.

Elsewhere, indications of Vietnamese Communist casualties due to an Allied air strike were noted in a message of 14 January to the Military Intelligence Section (MIS), 1st Division from a subordinate located on 6 January near 14-34N 107-42E (YB 930127). The subordinate reported that it was under Allied air attack for 5 hours and that it could not find 23 personnel. The subordinate further stated that it sent four wounded personnel back to the command post and buried two of its dead.

In another message of 14 January, a second subordinate--located on 14 January near 14-43N 107-39E (YB 872277)--reported to the MIS that the Allies were transporting large numbers of troops to Dak Ro Ken (14-41N 107-42E; YB 910250) and Worksite 18 (14-41N 107-39E, YB 975255) and stated that "the enemy dropped parachute flares" for the vehicles travelling along Route 18 (possibly refers to Route 512) to Worksite 18.

Also on 14 January, a third subordinate--located in Cambodia near 14-32N 107-28E (YB 670097) on 14 January--reported to the MIS that "the enemy is positioned along the road from V-4 to V-2 [both unlocated], and that its detachment of 34 men was located one day's march east of the command post. Between 2 and 14 January this subordinate moved about 20 km westward from western Kontum to its

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present location in Cambodia. This is the third MI element serving the PAVN 1st Division to move out of South Vietnam since early January. The MIS, 1st Division was located in Laos near 14-44N 107-29E (YB 695309) on 14 January, and a fourth subordinate was located near 14-39N 107-38E (YB 663215) on 12 January, near the MIS.

(2/G12/VCM/R136-68, 150600Z; R135-68, 150245Z; R132-68, 141445Z; R131-68, 141150Z; R130-68, 141145Z; R129-68, 141012Z; R114-68, 131120Z; R106-68, 120745Z; T134-68, 141618Z; T124-68, 141600Z; T121-68, 141105Z; T117-68, 140710Z) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

### Military Region 1

In a message of 14 January to Detached Element One of the Military Intelligence Bureau of COSVN, Detached Element Two reported that it had struck Ka Tum (11-41N 106-15E, XT 332900), "killing 250 Americans and destroying 30 helicopters, 104 vehicles," and possibly "50 shops." The element further stated that "the enemy dispersed" possibly in a northeasterly direction. Detached Element One was located on 14 January in northeastern Tay Ninh Province near 11-31N 106-21E (XT 471734); Detached Element Two was located on the same date in northwestern Tay Ninh near 11-39N 106-21E (XT 461878), approximately 14 km east-southeast of Ka Tum.

In other activity, a 14 January message passed by a subordinate to the probable Hq, C95 Reconnaissance Company, MIS, 9th LID, reported on the stationing of Allied troops in the vicinity of Minh Thanh (11-26N 106-30E, XT 623655) and Allied movements between Soc Con Trang (11-37N 106-26E, XT 56084) and Binh Long, 11-40N 106-37E (XT 760890). The subordinate stated that the perimeter at Minh Thanh was "100 meters" and was "encircled by 8 artillery pieces", 2 of them self-propelled, an undetermined number of tanks, and 41 vehicles. The subordinate further reported that there were two ARVN units, possibly company-sized, stationed at Binh Long.

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The subordinate was located on 13 January in west-central Binh Long Province near 11-36N 106-32E (XT 669838), approximately 17 km northeast of Minh Thanh.

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Military Region 10

Preliminary information indicates that the unidentified possible Front Headquarters, which has operated in Binh Long Province early July 1967, has attempted to contact Hq, MR's 2 and 6 and the possible Hq, MR 4 during early January. Previously, this possible front headquarters maintained communications with PAVN High Command; the Military Affairs Section of COSVN; the possible Hq, MR 10; Hq, VC 9th Light Infantry Division (LID); the Hq, VC 5th LID element operating in Phuoc Long Province; the possible Hq, PAVN 7th Division; and the possible Hq, PAVN 88th Regiment.

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Military Region 2

On 7 January, a subordinate of the MIS, MR 2, was located in southeastern Kien Phong Province near 10-37N 105-51E (WS 938732), approximately 35 km north of its 1 January position in southwestern Dinh Tuong Province at 10-19N 105-52E (WS 941399).

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SIGINT of 12 January indicates that the Can Giuoc District Committee (CGDC) of Long An Province may be utilizing alternate communications facilities. On 12 January, the radio station serving the CGDC was located at 10-27N 106-33E (XS 6857). It was later located at 10-28N 106-42E (XS 8562), 17 km northeast of its earlier location. SIGINT of 10 and 11 January corroborates the use of split communications by this station.

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2. DRV Communications

DMZ Area

On 15 January, the broadcast communications facility serving the DMZ Front reappeared after a 15-day silence. The reactivation of the broadcast facility indicates that the reunification of the DMZ Front with its detached element may have been effected.

On 13 January a radio terminal identified as serving the Hq, possible PAVN 95C Regiment was located by SIGINT in the vicinity of 16-48N 106-36E (XD 702579), approximately 22 northwest of Khe Sanh. This location confirms the 11 January location of the 95C Regiment in the same general area.

Tactical communications serving the PAVN 90th Regiment continue to reflect transport activity by elements of the 7th Battalion, probably in the central DMZ area. On 14 January the battalion informed regimental headquarters that it was transporting goods down to a 1st Battalion. Another message on the same day concerned the transporting of 700 rounds of 82-mm mortar ammunition by elements of the 7th Battalion. Although recent messages have been primarily concerned with supply activity, there have also been some indications that the 7th Battalion is preparing for combat. On 13 January the battalion was queried as to the type of ammunition it needed, and on the following day, a reference was made to "reconnoitering the battlefield."

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Overland Infiltration

On 12, 13 and 14 January the tentative Hq, 70th Transportation Regiment, PAVN 559th Transportation Group, was observed communicating with an unidentified PAVN headquarters in Sam Neua, Laos. On 14 January the Hq, 70th Regiment passed one message to the unidentified PAVN headquarters. The tentative Hq, 70th Regiment was located by SIGINT on 13 January in the vicinity of 16-36N 106-16E (XD 350350).

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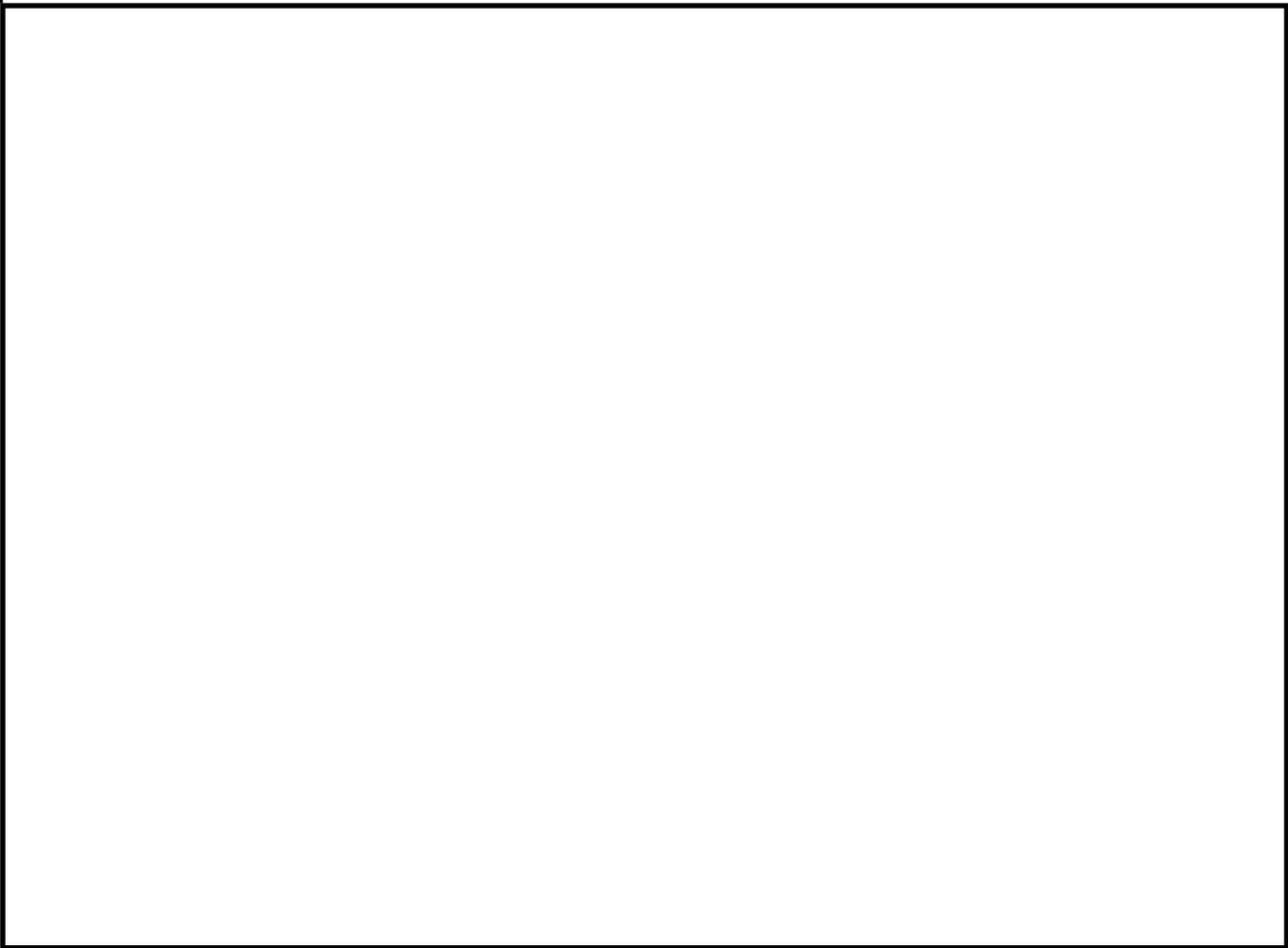
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The marked increase in message activity observed on the A Shau Valley Rear Services complex continues through at least 13 January. A total of 101 messages have been observed to date in January, with Unit 32 passing 67 messages to the A Shau Valley Rear Services Headquarters. In addition, on 12 January an attempted contact by the A Shau Valley Rear Services Headquarters with Hq, MR 4, Vinh, was noted. This is the first noted communications attempt between a 559th subordinate and a major North Vietnamese headquarters.

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Military Region 5, pg 4, para 2, line 3 change ...approximately  
23 km west-northwest...to...approximately 23 km east-northeast...

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