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This report summarizes developments noted throughout Southeast Asia available to NSA at time of publication on 22 January 1968. All information in this report is based entirely on SIGINT except where otherwise specifically indicated.

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SITUATION SUMMARY

. The relocation of three additional PAVN B3 Front-associated
. entities into the Laos-Cambodia-South Vietnam border area
. highlighted activity in Military Region (MR) 5 in South Vietnam.
. To the south, Vietnamese Communist elements in northeastern
. Darlac Province continue to concentrate near the Phu Bon
. Province border. In MR 2, forewarnings of Allied sweep
. operations in Dinh Tuong Province were contained in several
. messages passed between Party-associated stations in that
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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 area Vietnamese Communist military elements continue to be involved in what appears to be a general repositioning of units. On 20 January the Hq, MR 5 Provincial Unit Control was located near 15-43N 107-51E (ZC 058401) in northern Quang Tin approximately 20 km north-northwest of its 17 January location. In other activity, an unidentified subordinate of the probable Quang Nam Provincial Unit--located in southern Quang Tin Province near 15-26N 108-28E (BT 303061) on 2 January--reported on 21 January that it was in a difficult situation.

In the western highlands, two more radio entities associated with the PAVN B3 Front were located on 21 January in the Laos-Cambodia-South Vietnam tri-border area where major units of the Front are currently operating. One of these terminals moved to a position near 14-47N 107-33E (YB 765364), about 14 km north-northeast of its 19 January position. The other entity, which is tentatively associated with the B3 Front, was located near 14-47N 107-39E (YB 866350) approximately 40 km north-northeast of its 28 December 1967 location.

A third B3 Front-associated terminal also relocated in the tri-border area by 21 January when it was located at 14-36N 107-25E (YB 603163), about 10 km north of its 17 January position.

To the south, the tentatively identified Hq, PAVN 24th Regiment was located in southeastern Kontum Province near 14-32N 108-04E (AS 851090) on 20 January. As late as 8 January this unit had operated in the north-central portion of that province approximately 45 km to the north-northwest.

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Vietnamese Communist radio terminals in northeastern Darlac Province continue to concentrate near the Phu Bon Province border where they were located on 21 January near 12-59N 108-29E (BQ 260375). Two of these entities are associated with the B3 Front, while the other communicates with Hq, PAVN 5th Division. Moreover, delayed information indicates that a terminal, which maintains communications with one of the B3 Front-associated entities in this cluster, relocated approximately 130 km due south between 17 December and 10 January, from the Ia Drang Valley near the Pleiku Province-Cambodia border to a position in the Cambodia-Quang Duc border near 12-22N 107-30E (YU 722676). These communications suggest an association between the B3 Front and the Vietnamese Communist Southern Front-PAVN 5th Division in the coordination of activities of those Communist elements currently operating in the southern MR 5-northern MR 10 areas. (2/G12/VCM/R0192-68, 211900Z; R0191-68, 211750Z; R0189-68, 211430Z; R0188-68, 211345Z; R0187-68, 210625Z) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

Military Region 1

An unidentified Vietnamese Communist military communications link--which serves elements located in the Bien Hoa-Long Khanh Province area--has been active since at least 3 January. Although not observed until 3 January, this link may have been active as early as 23 October when the subordinate station was located in western Long Khanh at 11-10N 107-03E (YT 246369). The control authority was located on 17 January on the Bien Hoa-Long Khanh Province border at 11-07N 106-55E (YT 094308). Messages observed on this link have been of a type associated with the Hq, B3 Front, and later with the Hq, VC 5th Light Infantry Division (LID) when the possible Hq, PAVN 88th Regiment moved into MR 10.

Elsewhere, preliminary information indicates that the Military Affairs Section (MAS) of COSVN was recipient of high message volumes from the B3 Front and Hq, MR 2 on 18 and 20 January. The involvement of the B3 Front with elements located within Nam Bo has increased recently, as reflected

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by the activation of communications with the possible unidentified Front Headquarters, in Binh Long and increased message activity with MAS COSVN.

In other activity, the Military Intelligence Bureau (MIB) of COSVN continued through at least 19 January to relay to its Detached Element in northeastern Tay Ninh Province tactical information obtained from a subordinate located on 13 January in central Tay Ninh near 11-21N 106-10E (XT 280544). The subordinate continues to report on Allied air and/or ground activity in the vicinity of Tay Ninh city (11-17N 106-05E, XT 1952) and Dau Tieng (11-17N 106-21E, XT 4846). Detached Element Two was located on 20 January near 11-38N 106-20E (XT 464862).

On 19 January, a second subordinate--located on 9 January in east-central Tay Ninh near 11-28N 106-12E (XT 316678)--reported to MIB COSVN the number and types of artillery pieces at the Bau Co outpost and stated that "all of the enemy forces at Bau Co [11-27N 106-10E, XT 2867] are American." (2/G10/V CJ/R21-68, 211617Z; R20-68, 201646Z; 2/G10/VCM/R26-68, 211624Z; T129-68, 191246Z; T128-68, 190920Z; 3/O/STY/R15-68)
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Military Region 10

The unidentified possible Front Headquarters operating in Binh Long Province has activated watch communications. This facility--first observed on 11 January--has at least four and possibly seven subscribers attempting to contact the Front Headquarters. One of the subscribers has been identified as Hq, PAVN B3 Front, while an unidentified subscriber was located on 13 January in Cambodia near the Binh Long Province border at 11-58N 106-23E (XU 670243). The activation of watch communications is a further indication that the Front is expanding its role in South Vietnam. (2/G10/VCM/R25-68, 211155Z; 2/O/VCM/R17-68, 172329Z)
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Military Region 2

On 20 January, a message passed between two unidentified Party-associated stations in Dinh Tuong Province warned of three "enemy" sweep operations scheduled for 21 January. The first sweep was to be conducted by "one company of the 3rd Battalion plus two platoons" which were to sweep Nhi Binh (10-24N 106-12E, XS 3351) Duong Diem (10-26N 106-11E, XS 3249) "south of the highway." The recipient was to alert an unidentified controlling authority north of the highway. The second sweep was reportedly scheduled for "one company" of an unidentified "battalion and one company of the 4th Battalion, 11th Regiment" and would be conducted at Long Khanh (10-21N 106-06E, XS 2145), Phu Qui (10-22N 106-10E, XS 2746) "south of Highway Four." The recipient was instructed to "alert Tan Binh (unlocated)." According to the message, the last sweep operation will be conducted by the "Marines" who will sweep "Thanh Hoa (10-25N 106-06E, XS 2152), Binh Phu (unlocated) Phu Nhuan (unlocated) south of highway four."

On 21 January a message originated by an unidentified Party-associated subordinate and passed to its control authority in central Dinh Tuong warned of an enemy sweep operation scheduled for 22 January. The message alerted Thanh Hoa and Binh Phu of an enemy sweep involving two battalions in both the Hua My (10-20N 106-00E, XS 1041)-Hoi Cai (10-25N 106-01E, XS 1151)-My Thien (10-31N 105-57E, XS 0563), and Cam Son (10-21N 106-05E, XS 1945)-Xuan Son (10-20N 106-05E, XS 1942)-Hai Son (unlocated) areas.

A 20 January message passed from the probable My Tho Provincial Committee to an unidentified subordinate located in central Dinh Tuong warned that the "Marine's...combat group and the Marine artillery" were still at Cai Lay (10-24N 106-07E, XS 2250).

Finally, an unidentified Party-associated station was located on 19 January in central in Dinh Tuong at 10-22N 106-08E (XS 2644), 26 km southwest of its 3 January position. This unidentified Party-associated station has been noted

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in similar movements in the past. Collateral reports Allied Operation CORONADO IX is currently being conducted in Dinh Tuong Province.

(2/G10/VCM/T138-68, 210413Z; T142-68, 211515Z) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

Military Region 3

On 20 January an unidentified VC Party-associated terminal, which is colocated with the probable Rach Gia Provincial Committee, was located by SIGINT at 09-59N 105-09E (WR 172670), 15 km northwest of its position on 29 December. ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

2. DRV Communications

DMZ Area

SIGINT has confirmed the location of the unidentified major PAVN Headquarters northwest of Khe Sanh. One radio terminal serving that headquarters was located at 16-52N 106-55E (XD 503654) on 16 January and another terminal subsequently was located at 16-51N 106-57E (XD 537644) on 21 January. At least seven additional subscribers on the watch facility of that headquarters have been noted: probable Hq, 304th Infantry Division; a suspect infantry regiment and an unidentified regimental subordinate of that division; an entity associated with the possible 325C Division; and three unidentified entities.

Recent SIGINT indicates a radio terminal serving the PAVN unit identified as the Ky Anh Headquarters has effected a move from its 22 October 1967 location--17-04N 106-39E (XD 747978), north of the DMZ--to the general vicinity of 16-52N 106-56E (YD 068652) on 18 January. SIGINT of 11 January initially reflected the apparent move when this same terminal was located at 17-01N 106-50E (XD 926827).

At present the Ky Anh Headquarters maintains communications with Hq, MR 4 (NVN) at Vinh, the DMZ Front, and three

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unidentified terminals--one of which is a subordinate of the DMZ Front.

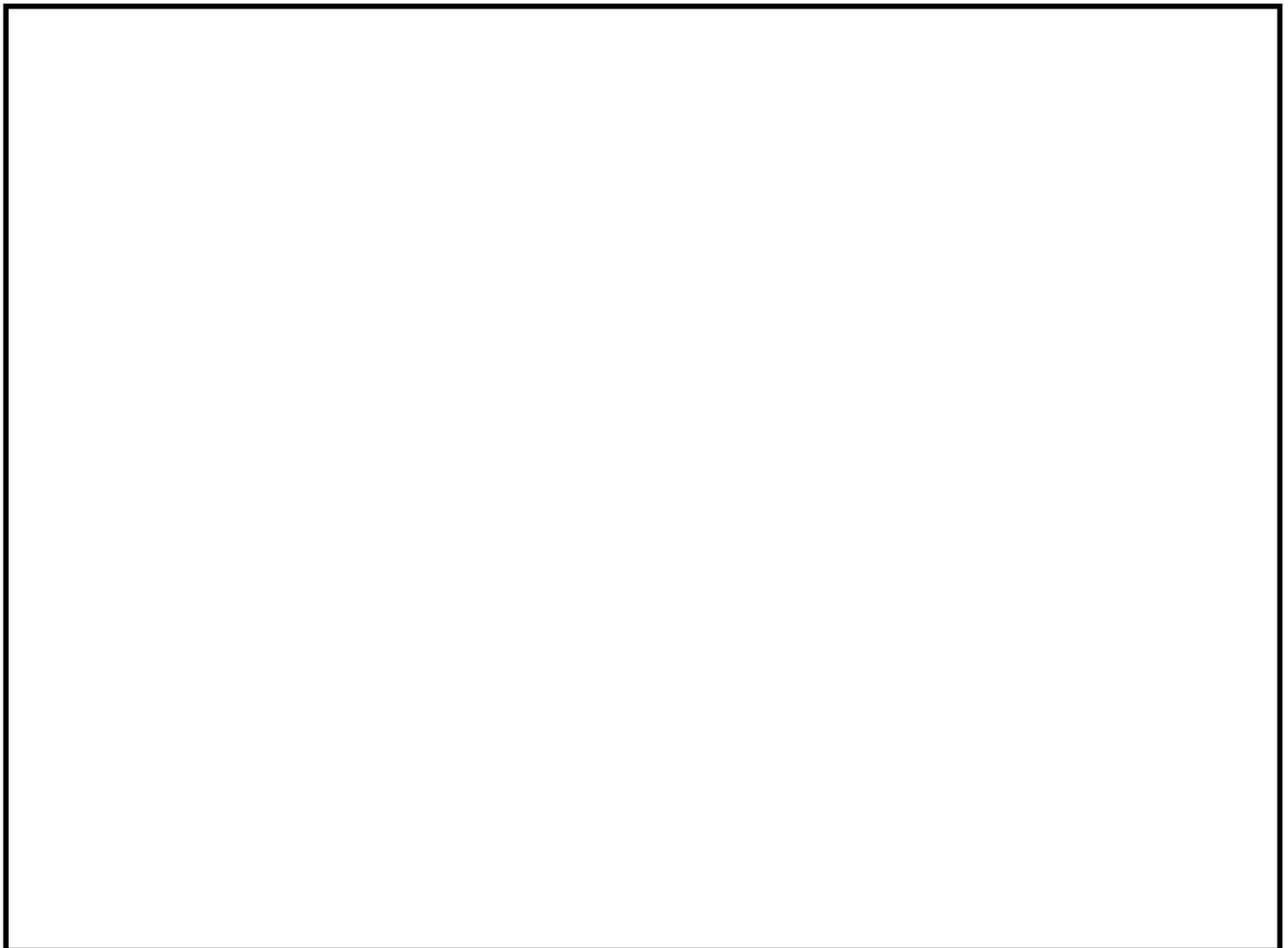
(2/O/VCM/R15-68, 172145Z; 2/G11/VCM/R107-68, 181210Z)

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Overland Infiltration

The high volume of message activity observed on the A Shau Valley Rear Services complex has apparently returned to normal. Between 01 and 13 January, a total of 101 messages were observed between the A Shau Valley Rear Services Headquarters and Unit 32; however, from 14 January to the present a total of only nine messages have been observed between these two entities.

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