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The headquarters elements of the two Vietnamese Communist divisions in the Nam Bo area of South Vietnam are currently operating from positions proximate to Saigon and Bien Hoa.

An element of Hq, VC 5th Light Infantry Division (LID) was located on 2 February in Bien Hoa Province within 15 km of the Bien Hoa Airbase at 11-00N 106-56E (YT 123174).<sup>1</sup> On 4 February, the tentatively identified Hq, PAVN 7th Division Forward Element relocated from north-eastern Tay Ninh Province to northeastern Binh Duong Province at 11-17N 106-41E (XT 826480). This places the forward element approximately 38 km northwest of Bien Hoa.<sup>2</sup>

No SIGINT locations for the subordinate regiments of the VC 5th LID have been obtained in February. However, collateral indicates that they are in the Saigon-Bien Hoa area. Recent messages passed by an element associated with the 5th LID discussed an artillery attack apparently to be directed at Bien Hoa airbase.<sup>3</sup>

Available SIGINT indicates that the subordinate regiments of the possible PAVN 7th Division have not redeployed to the Saigon-Bien Hoa area. The tentative PAVN 165th Regiment was last located by SIGINT in southern Binh Long Province on 3 February near 11-28N 106-33E (XT 697671), while the tentative PAVN 101st Regiment was last located by SIGINT in western Binh Duong Province near 11-14N 106-26E (XT 560414) on 13 December 1967. In addition, recent collateral indicates that the PAVN 141st Regiment has relocated from northern Tay Ninh Province to southeastern Binh Long Province.

At the present time, there are also a number of unidentified entities located in the Saigon-Bien Hoa area, including an unidentified element located near Tan Son Nhut airbase at 10-53N 106-41E (XT 822029) on 5 February.<sup>4</sup>

In addition, communications between the Military Intelligence Section (MIS) of Hq, VC 9th LID and the Military Intelligence Bureau of COSVN resumed on 1 February. These two elements had not been observed in communications with each other since early January.

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1. 3/O/STY/R30-68.
  2. 2/G10/VCM/R059-68.
  3. 3/O/STY/R31-68.
  4. 3/O/STY/R30-68, 3/O/STY/R31-68.

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