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Recent SIGINT evidence indicates additional deployment of Communist units around urban centers in South Vietnam from the northernmost province to the Delta.

In Military Region (MR) Tri-Thien-Hue (TTH), the possible PAVN 9th Regiment was located by SIGINT on 2 February in the vicinity of Quang Tri city at 16-42N 107-16E (YD 425491). This regiment currently maintains communications with three unidentified subordinates as well as with Hq, MR TTH and its tentative forward element.

In MR 5, there are significant concentrations of Communist main force units in proximity of various cities.

In the western highlands, the Hq, PAVN 32nd Regiment and unidentified subordinate elements of the PAVN B3 Front and PAVN 1st Division are operating in the vicinity of Dak To. The tentative Hq, PAVN 24th Regiment is in the Kontum city area. The Hq, PAVN 10th Division and its subordinate, the probable Hq, PAVN 95B Regiment, and other unidentified PAVN B3 Front-associated elements are currently located near Pleiku city. The probable Darlac Provincial Unit; the possible 3rd Battalion, PAVN 33rd Regiment; a Hq, PAVN B3 Front element; and several unidentified PAVN B3 Front-associated elements are now operating near Ban Me Thuot city.

In the coastal area, the Hq, PAVN 3rd Division, its subordinate regiments, and the Hq, MR 5 Forward Tactical Element are operating near the cities of Phu My and Bong Son in east-central Binh Dinh Province.

In the eastern Quang Nam-Quang Tin Province areas, a concentration of Communist main force units including the PAVN 2nd Division; the probable Hq, PAVN 368B Regiment; the probable Viet Cong (VC) 402nd Sapper Battalion; and Hq, Rear Services Group 44 has been noted since late January. These elements are accompanied by provincial units and various unidentified elements.

In MR 1, SIGINT indicates continued Communist interest in the Ben Cat (11-11N 106-36E, XT 750360) and Lai Khe (11-10N 106-35E, XT 720350) areas of Binh Dong Province. Messages of 3 and 5 February passed to a possible Communist military intelligence control authority from a subordinate have discussed the success of Communist artillery fire against undetermined targets. Earlier messages had revealed plans to "reattack" Ben Cat in conjunction with infantry elements of the PAVN 7th Division.

In MR 2 an element of the Alternate Hq, MR 2 and the tentative VC 261st Battalion have moved to positions within 15 km of My Tho city from locations in western Dinh Tuong Province. On 2 February the element of the

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Alternate Hq, MR 2 was located near 10-27N 106-24E (XS 538571) and the tentative 261st Battalion was located on 1 February near 10-29N 106-25E (XS 541592).¹ In addition, the tentative Long An Provincial Unit has repositioned 18 km to the north-northeast from its 1 February location and is now located about 10 km southwest of Saigon in proximity to the nine unidentified elements located on 2 February in the Cholon area. These unidentified elements are concentrated in an area near 10-39N 106-38E (XS 7878).²

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1. 3/0/STY/R31-68
 2. 3/0/STY/R30-68

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