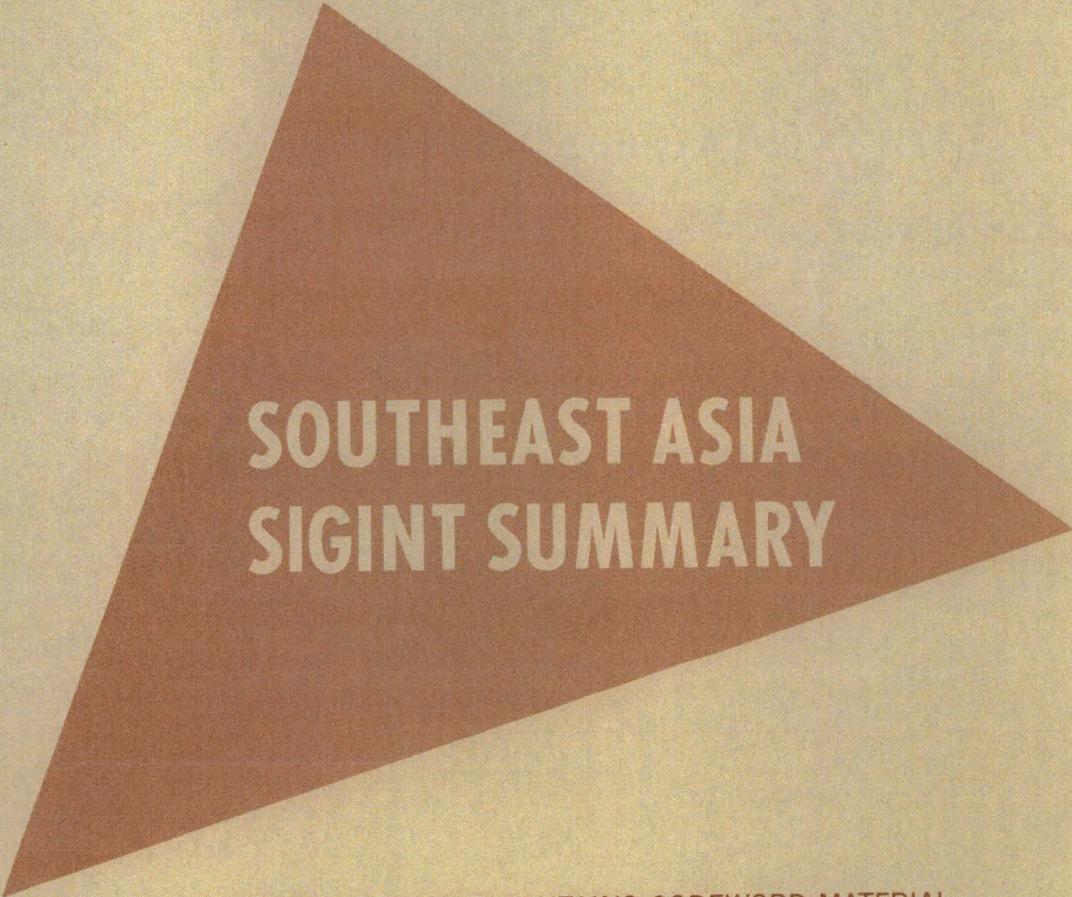


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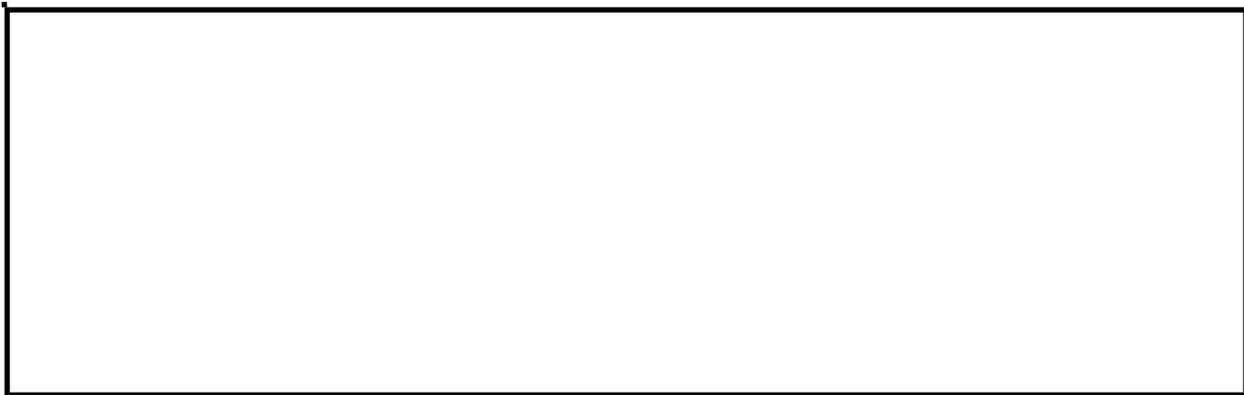
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SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

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SITUATION SUMMARY

Main force elements of the PAVN B3 Front continue to move in the vicinity of Kontum and Pleiku cities in the western highlands of South Vietnam's Military Region (MR) 5. To the east, a station tentatively identified as serving the Hq, 368B Artillery Regiment relocated away from Hoi An in Quang Nam Province. In MR 4 the concentration of unidentified terminals located south of Saigon remains in the area where the Region 4 Committee, an unidentified subordinate of the Main Office of the Liberation News Agency and the tentative Long An Provincial Unit are also located.

In the northwestern area of South Vietnam's Quang Tri Province SIGINT reflected the Communist offensive against the allied position at Lang Vei. One reference was made to a company being sent against Lang Vei in coordination with the 66th Regiment, possibly referring to a regiment of the PAVN 304th Division. In addition tactical communications revealed that PAVN elements in the General Khe Sanh area have a growing desertion problem and that at least one battalion was under-strength.

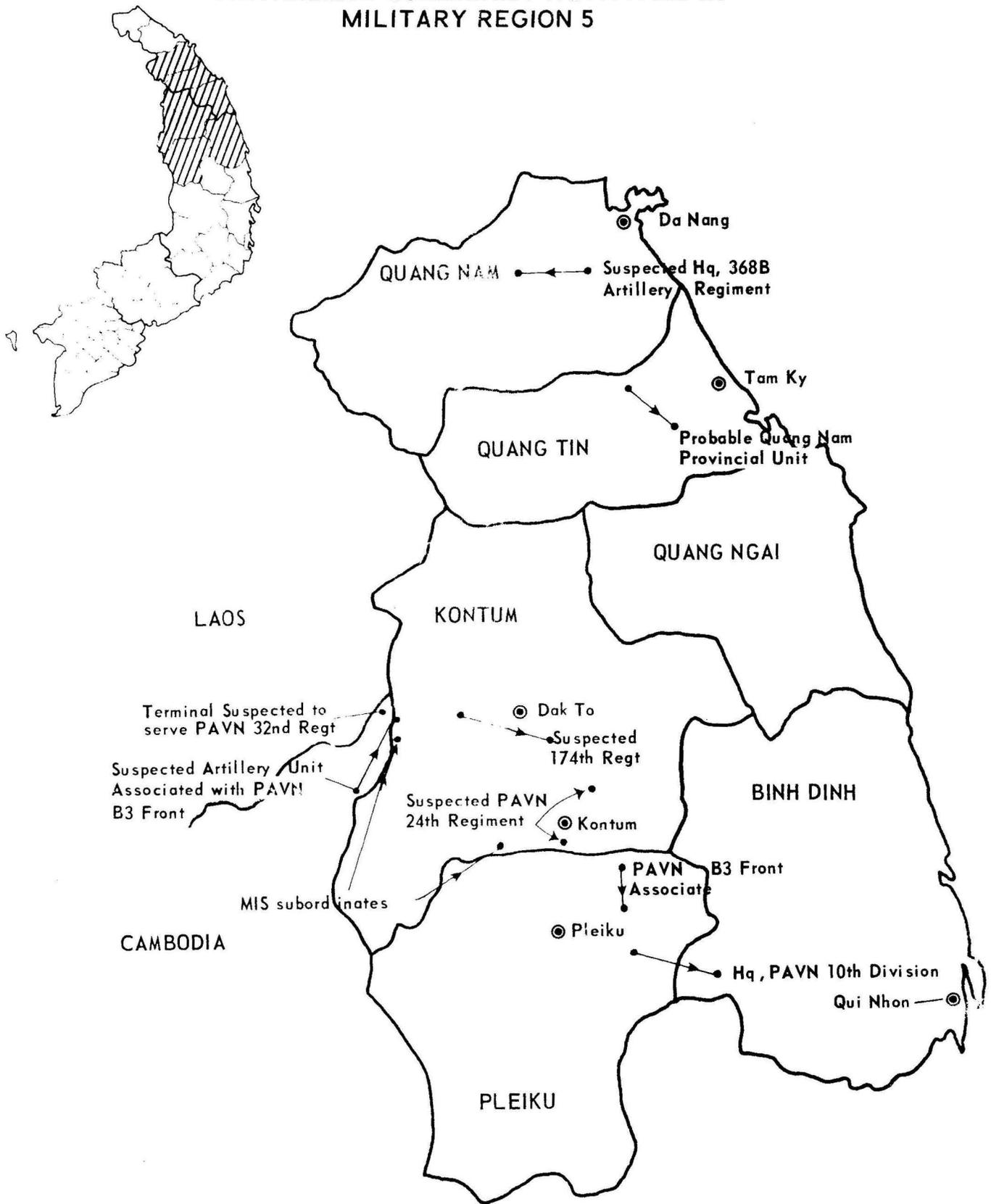
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It has now been determined that the DRV transport activity conducted on 7 February possibly over northern South Vietnam/Laos involved IL-14 aircraft rather than AN-2 light transports. Although the specific mission of the aircraft was not disclosed in available SIGINT, references were made to "dropping" and "target," indicative of possible air drop activity.

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### VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN MILITARY REGION 5



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I. COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIA

A. MILITARY

1. Vietnamese Communist Communications - South Vietnam

Military Region Tri-Thien-Hue Area

Activity of the PAVN 6th Regiment near Hue continues to be reflected in SIGINT. Messages indicated the location of a 10th Company as Minh Huong (16-30N 106-35E, YD 750262), and also revealed that an 11th Company was attempting to cross the Huong River to Lai Ha (16-31N 107-36E, YD 754280). Urgent requests for B-40 rocket launcher ammunition for use against Allied vessels on the river were noted, as well as indications that this ammunition may be supplied by vehicles. The 10th Company also reported strong enemy reaction to PAVN plans to advance troops into Hue city. ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

Military Region 5

In Kontum Province, main force elements of the PAVN B3 Front continue to maneuver near Kontum city and Allied military installations. The radio station tentatively identified as serving the Hq, PAVN 24th Regiment was located on 7 February near 14-25N 108-04E (AR 833947) in the general area where it has been operating since about 1 February. On the same date this headquarters, or an element thereof, was located approximately 12 km to the southwest near 14-20N 108-00E (AR 776854) about 4 km south of Kontum city. In central Kontum Province a radio station tentatively identified as serving Hq, PAVN 174th Regiment, PAVN 1st Division, was located on 7 February near 14-29N 107-53E (ZB 105230) about 6 km east of Dak To and approximately 24 km east-southeast of its 1 February location. Another radio station tentatively identified as serving Hq, 32nd Regiment, PAVN 1st Division, was located on 7 February near 14-40N 107-31E (YB 722261), approximately 29 km west-northwest of Dak To and about 20 km west-northwest of its 3 February location. In the Kontum Province-Cambodia-Laos

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tri-border area, an unidentified artillery unit associated with the PAVN B3 Front was located on 6 February near 14-41N 107-33E (YB 751250) about 22 km southwest of Dak Seang and about 10 km northeast of its 3 February location.

In military intelligence (MI) activity in Kontum Province, on 7 February the Military Intelligence Section (MIS), PAVN 1st Division directed a subordinate--last located on 27 January in western Kontum Province near 14-35N 107-31E (YB 716146)--to report back to the section in detail on "the exact strength of the enemy at the artillery position" and to located all enemy positions. The MIS specifically queried the subordinate whether Allied forces were on "Hill 742 at 2380." There is a Hill 742 at 14-40N 107-36E (YB 8122). In addition, the subordinate reported to the MIS on Allied ground traffic at Dak Ro Keng (14-41N 107-37E, YB 920264), Worksite 18 (14-41N 107-37E, YB 875255), and Dak Mot (14-39N 107-45E, YB 997220), and air traffic to Hill 751 (14-43N 107-39E, YB 874290). A second subordinate of the MIS relocated within Kontum Province sometime between 28 December-7 February. This element was located on 7 February approximately 22 km west-southwest of Kontum city near 14-18N 107-49E (ZA 041826). This location is approximately 20 km east of this element's location on 28 December near 14-18N 107-37E (YA 844808).

To the south in Pleiku Province, an unidentified entity associated with the PAVN B3 Front was located on 7 February near 14-02N 108-06E (AR 872537), about 14 km northeast of Pleiku city and approximately 10 km south of its 4 February position. Meanwhile, Hq, PAVN 10th Division was located on 7 February near 13-51N 108-25E (BR 206310) in the Pleiku-Binh Dinh Province border area approximately 47 km east-southeast of Pleiku city and about 25 km east-southeast of its 5 February location.

In the Quang Nam-Quang Tin Province area, the radio station tentatively identified as serving the Hq, 368B Artillery Regiment was located on 6 February in central Quang Nam Province near 15-56N 107-56E (ZC 154622),

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approximately 20 km west of this unit's 5 February location and about 42 km west of Hoi An city. In north-central Quang Tin Province, the probable Quang Nam Provincial Unit was located on 7 February near 15-28N 108-23E (BT 203128), about 16 km southeast of its 2 February position.

(2/G11/VCM/R389-68, 072235Z; R0389-68, 071940Z; R0388-68, 071600Z; R0387-68, 071500Z; R0383-68, 071245Z; B0382-68, 071510Z; T316-68, 071650Z; T313-68, 071235Z) (~~SECRET SAVIN~~)

### Military Region 1

On 6 February the possible Hq, MR 4 (SVN) passed one message to the possible Hq, PAVN 7th Division. The only previous message activity between these two authorities occurred on 3 February when the division passed a message to the MR Headquarters. This activity may be related to the relocation in early February of the possible Hq, 7th Division to northern Binh Duong Province, where elements of the division may have been involved in tactical activity in the Lai Khe-Ben Cat area.

A new Vietnamese Communist broadcast facility, first observed on 21 November 1967, has been isolated in communications. The unidentified control authority--which has at least 14 subscribers--was initially located on 21 November north of Tay Ninh Province in Cambodia near 11-47N 106-07E (XU 222031). On 17 January, the control was located in northern Binh Duong Province near 11-22N 106-31E (XT 649551) east of the Michelin Plantation and approximately 72 km southeast of its 21 November position. Messages passed on the facility suggest that it serves a military function.

(2/G10/VCM/R070-68, 071425Z; 2/O/VCM/R71-68, 072156Z; 3/O/STY/R30-68; R31-68) (~~SECRET SAVIN~~)

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Military Region 2

The probable Long An Provincial Branch of the Liberation News Agency (LNA) continues to move from the western Hau Nghia Province-Cambodia border area to central Long An Province. On 7 February this entity was located near Highway 4, approximately 3 km west of Binh Chanh at 10-36N 106-31E (XS 661719), approximately 10 km southeast of its 6 February location.

On 6 February, an unidentified subordinate of alternate Hq, MR 2 was located in northwestern Dinh Tuong Province near 10-30N 106-01E (XS 124615), approximately 19 km north-northeast of its 27 January position in southeastern Kien Phong Province.

On 7 February SIGINT indicated a move of an unidentified party station in Dinh Tuong Province. The station, located at 10-20N 106-31E (XS 650430), moved approximately 12 km southwest from its previous location on 11 December 1967.

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Military Region 3

An unidentified entity, which may be associated with the Military Affairs Section (MAS) of the Region 3 Committee (RC-3), was located on 6 February in southern Phong Dinh Province at 09-47N 105-42E (WR 778805), approximately 80 km northeast of its 16 December location in southern Kien Giang Province. This entity has communicated with an unidentified and unlocated subordinate since at least 27 November 1967. Between mid-December and early February MAS RC-3 effected a parallel move and was located on 6 February in central Chuong Thien Province at 09-39N 105-22E (WR 409688).

Recent SIGINT indicated that the Region 3 Committee (RC-3) has also relocated. On 7 February RC-3 was located at 09-03N

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105-02E (WR 048022) in central An Xuyen Province, approximately 68 km southeast of its 25 January location.

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#### Military Region 4

On 7 February, the concentration of unidentified entities to the south of Saigon remained in the vicinity of 10-39N 106-38E (XS 7877), an area where the Region 4 Committee, an unidentified subordinate of the Main Office of LNA, and the tentative Long An Provincial Unit are also located. Additionally, two unidentified entities were located on 7 February to the north of Saigon at 10-52N 106-40E (XT 828038) and 10-51N 106-40E (XT 815004). The latter entity, which may be a station tentatively associated with the suspected Hq, PAVN 101st Regiment, was previously located on 23 January in central Binh Duong Province near 11-16N 106-30E (XT 644551). The tentative Hq, 101st Regiment was last located on 31 December at 11-14N 106-26E (XT 560414), also in central Binh Duong.

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## 2. DRV Communications

### DMZ Area

PAVN tactical voice communications of 6 and 7 February have reflected the Communist offensive against Lang Vei. These communications, possibly passed between a battalion and subordinate companies, first indicated that an attack was underway when, at 0150Z on 6 February, a possibly company-sized unit informed the possible battalion that "an advantage was gained to the east" and the camp would be penetrated. Eleven hours later, the possible battalion was informed that "the comrades have been informed to sacrifice." On 7 February, an apparent after-action report revealed that one company had been sent against Lang Vei in coordination with the "66th

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Regiment" (probably the 66th Regiment, PAVN 304th Division). Additionally, it was indicated that Royal Laotian troops were at Lang Vei. Further information revealed that 81-mm mortars were used in direct support and that one company was necessary to support those Communist forces already at Lang Vei. Apparently, another mortar unit and a company had also been deployed north of the camp in order to support the attack, and two more companies were dispatched from Lao Bao (16-37N 106-35E, XD 6937) on the Laotian border. Another discussion at 0600Z on 7 February revealed that the credentials of an unspecified "American warrant officer pilot" and disclosed that his mission was to transport supplies to Lang Vei from Nha Trang via Da Nang. It was not specified if the American was captured or if the documents had been found in the area. In the same exchange, plans to attack Lang Vei if the enemy returned reportedly were being studied. Finally, at 0715Z on 7 February, a possible company reported that the "Lang Vei problem had been solved."

Additionally, in PAVN tactical voice communications of 5 February, an unidentified entity located in the general Khe Sanh area reported that the number of desertions was growing daily. Reportedly, 17 men deserted their units on 5 February bringing the total number of deserters to 73. Included in this total were platoon commanders and five radio operators - along with 11 radios. As a consequence, the "battalion was understrength."

PAVN artillery communications in the Khe Sanh vicinity on 7 February continued to reflect an unknown type of ten-digit target coordinates, specifying the location of targets 43, 44 and 45. At 0825Z a probable forward observer reported that one round had impacted in the center of an "enemy" emplacement, killing three men.

An element associated with the 8th Battalion, PAVN 29th Regiment reported on 4 February it was continuing to construct

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shelters but the next day would carry out a transportation assignment for "division." Also reported was a B-52 strike in the area on the night of 2 February and much artillery fire into the unit bivouac area, neither of which caused damage or casualties.

Communications of the 27th Battalion on 7 February indicated the battalion would cut Route 9 and surround Cam Lo on 8 February, continue to operate for one day and withdraw during the night to prepare for continuing activity. Mission instructions included antiaircraft, infantry and tank destruction teams, with the road to be blocked between Nghia Hy (16-48N 107-02E, YD 142528) and Prison 7 (unlocated) while the 6th Company penetrated the Quat Xa (16-48N 106-58E, YD 100592) area in coordination with a small detachment on the north bank of the river. According to the plan, Company 7 was to request assistance possibly from the PAVN 320th Division if its firepower was found to be weak.

The PAVN 803rd Regiment remained on the north bank of Cua Viet channel with communications reflecting further preparation for a possible attack against Quan Ngang (16-53N 107-05E, YD 222678), knowledge of Allied sweep operations and plans for harassment of Allied shipping on the channel. The 3rd Battalion reported the enemy would sweep "the area" from 5 to 22 February and ordered the 3rd Company to coordinate with local forces in resisting the sweep. The 3rd Battalion later reported to regiment that a 4th Battalion (probably 4th Battalion, PAVN 270th Regiment) had fired on and sunk one large unspecified type of vessel with four 75-mm recoilless gun rounds. The presence of flame-throwers was also reflected in 803rd Regiment communications on 7 February

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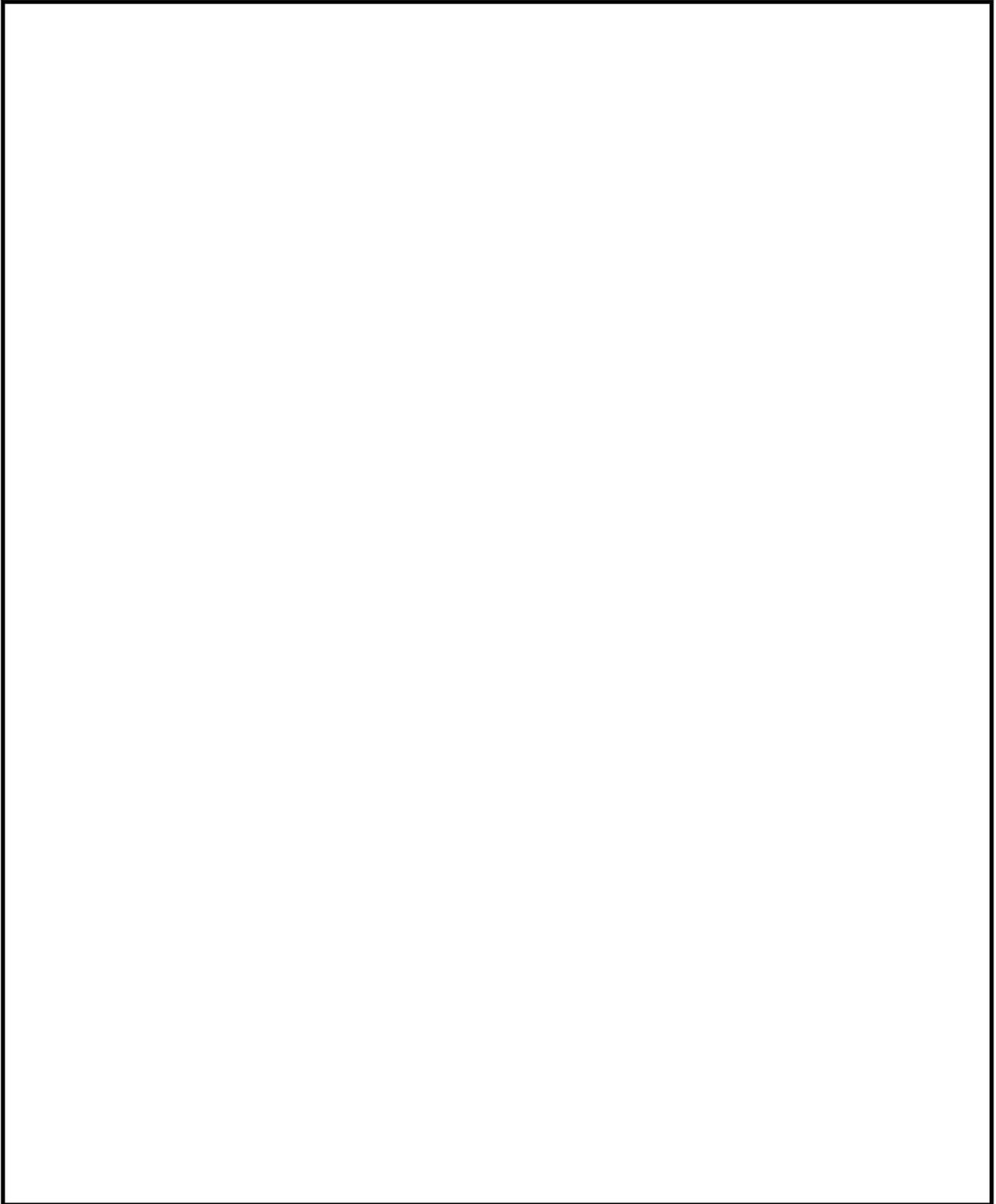
Since as early as 23 January an unidentified subordinate of MR Tri-Thien-Hue (TTH) has been noted in communications with PAVN High Command on the complex serving PAVN forces infiltrating into South Vietnam. This subordinate has been active in MR TTH communications since 3 August and was last located at 16-11N 107-20E (YC 498918) on 5 February. Since 30 January High Command has been noted contacting Hq, MR TTH on this facility only on 2 February. Hq MR TTH has been noted contacting Hanoi, however, on communications facilities paralleling those mentioned above. In addition, High Command had been noted in daily contact with the Forward Element, MR TTH on the facilities serving major headquarters in or associated with South Vietnam.

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