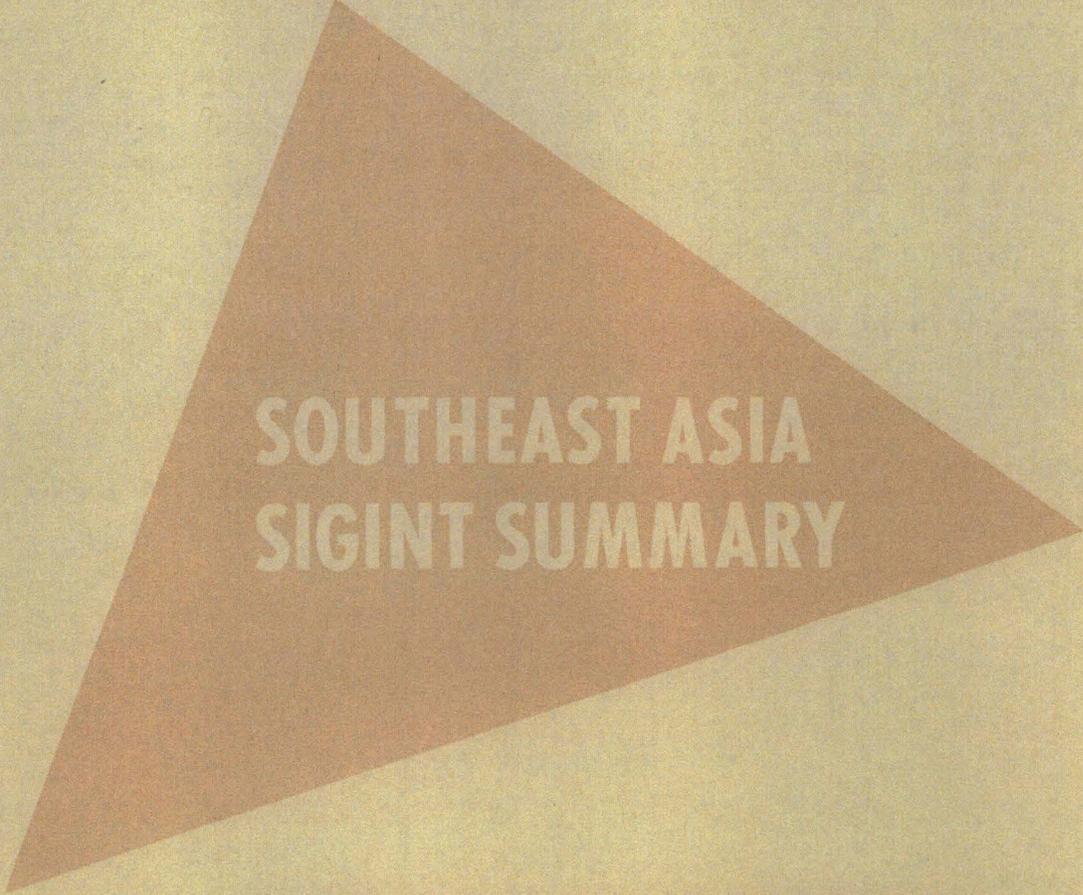


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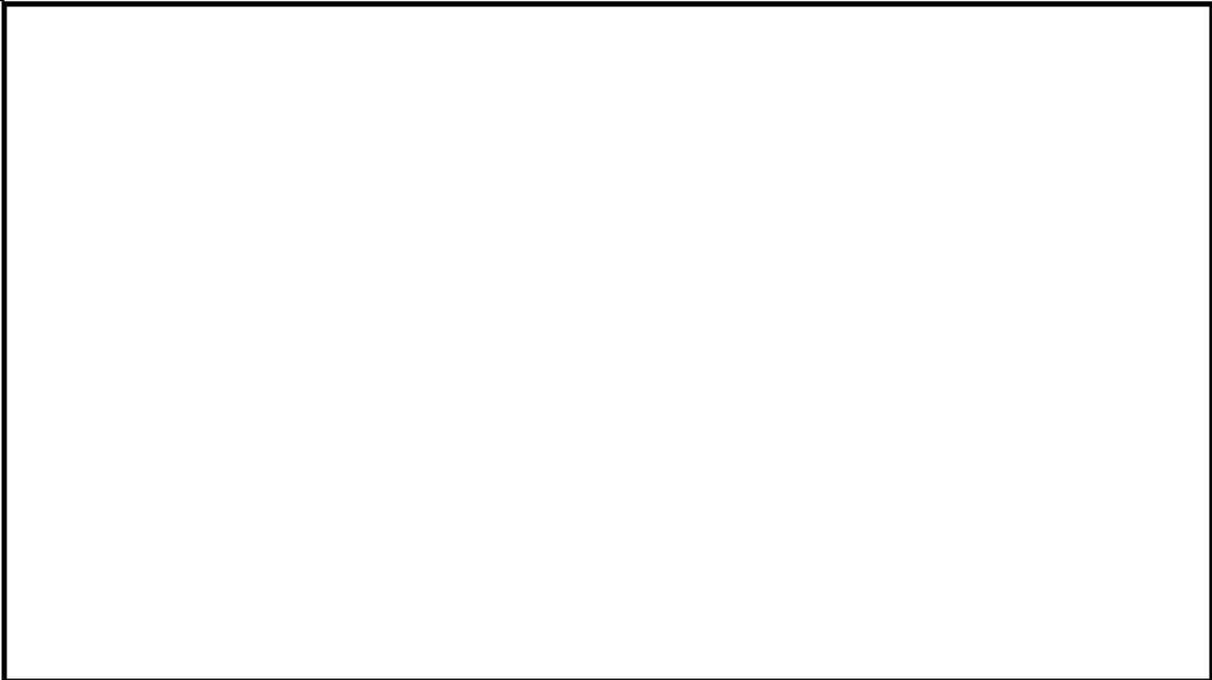
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SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

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SITUATION SUMMARY

Evidence of impending Vietnamese Communist attacks in western Pleiku and Kontum Provinces highlighted activity in South Vietnam's Military Region (MR) 5. To the south in MR 1, Hq, Viet Cong (VC) 274th Regiment, VC 5th Light Infantry Division has reactivated communications with two of its battalion subordinates in Bien Hoa Province and military intelligence elements continue to report on U.S. forces near Lai Khe in Binh Duong Province.

Tactical communications have reflected Communist concern over Allied airborne seeding of unspecified explosive devices near Khe Sanh in the western portion of the DMZ.

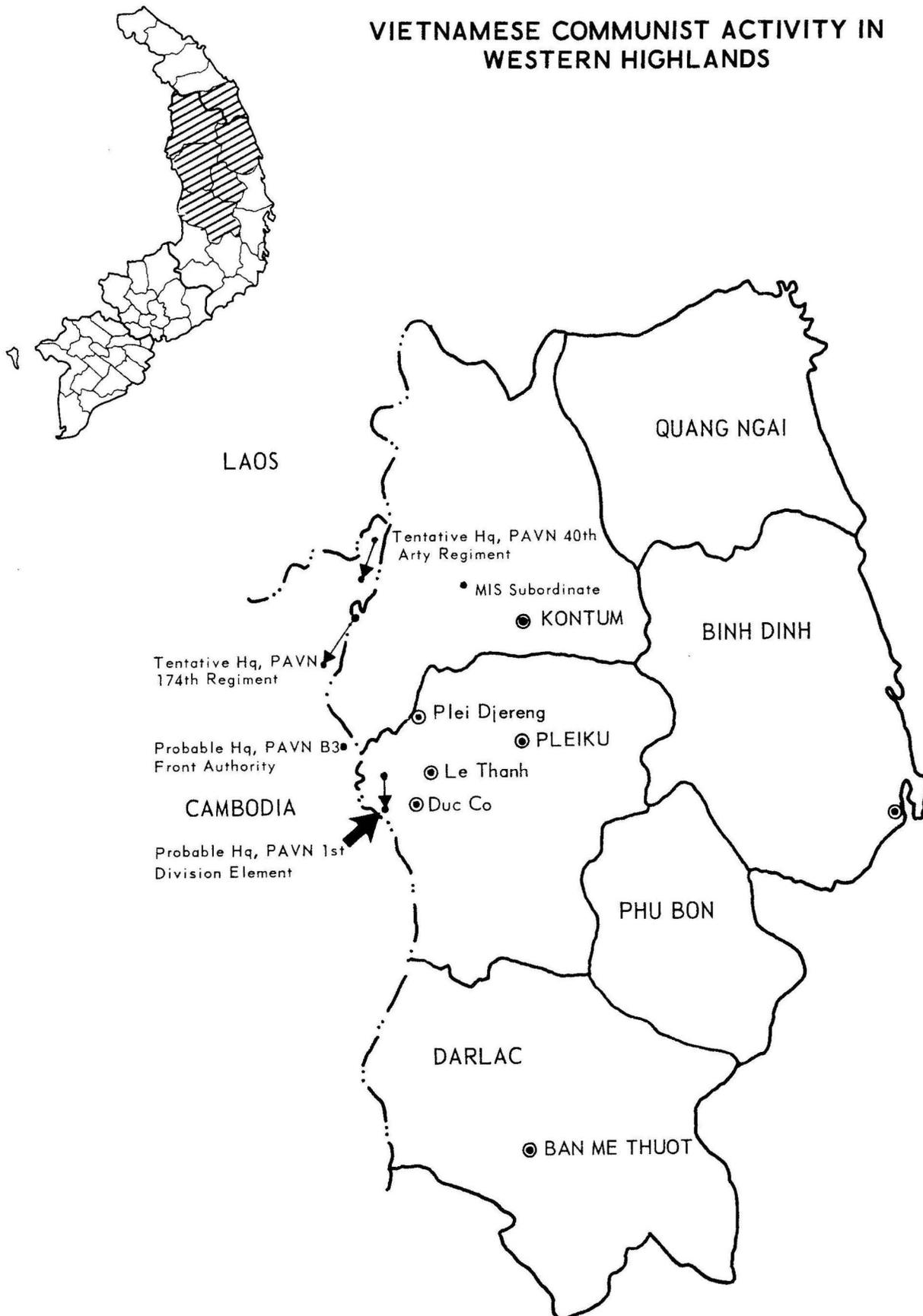
In North Vietnam's MR 4, indications of additional propeller-driven aircraft flights into that area were revealed in communications associated with the 66th Battalion, 275th Regiment located in the vicinity of Nam Thuong, Nghe An Province.

SIGINT reflected North Vietnamese transports in flights to the Vinh area on 11 February and, on 12 February, to an undisclosed area south of Vinh, possibly in northern South Vietnam. At least one of the transports reportedly received ground fire while en route to Vinh on 11 February.

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### VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN WESTERN HIGHLANDS



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I. COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIA

A. MILITARY

1. Vietnamese Communist Communications - South Vietnam

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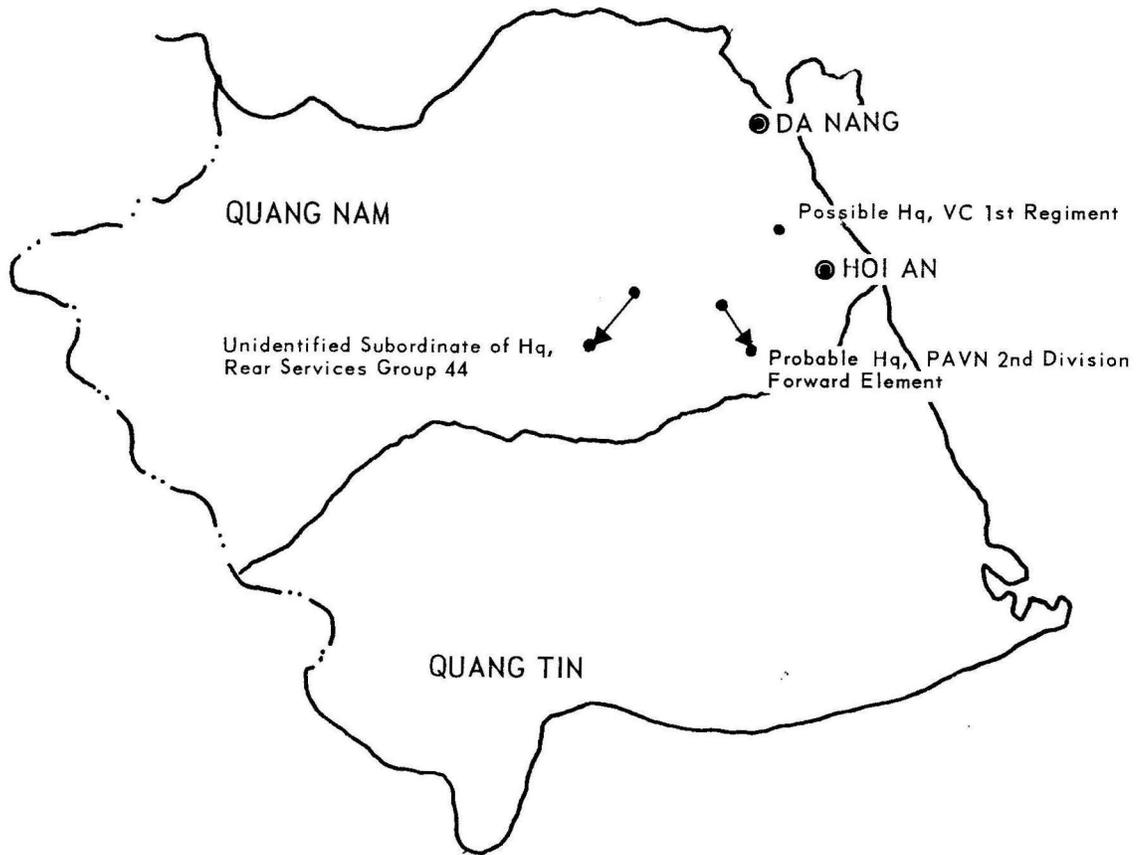
Evidence of an impending mortar attack on Le Thanh (13-50N 107-40E, YA 8930) was disclosed in messages passed between two elements of the PAVN B3 Front on 12 February. At 0518Z on that date, the probable Hq, B3 Front authority--last located on 12 February near 14-03N 107-21E (YA 541560)--ordered the probable PAVN 1st Division element located in western Pleiku to "report specifically the location you have reached and whether the situation of the artillery at Le Thanh remains unchanged." At 0527Z, the probable 1st Division element replied that "at present, there are no (B val enemy) on the summit of Truong Son. They are only at Le Thanh and Plei Djereng [14-02N 107-38E, YA 8653]." Two hours later the probable Hq, B3 Front authority stated that "if the enemy is no longer on the summit of Tam Dao, then the mission for the mortar attack must be to go right to the [enemy's] lair at Le Thanh and fire. The sooner preparations are made the better. Report when the preparations are finished." Finally, at 2019Z the B3 Front authority ordered the probable 1st Division element to "report steadfastly the step-by-step progress of preparations for the mortar attack on Le Thanh." The 1st Division element was located on 12 February near 13-46N 107-33E (YA 766221), about 11 km south of its 11 February location and approximately 8 km southwest of Duc Co.

Elsewhere in the western highlands, two PAVN military units have recently conducted minor moves in Cambodia near the Kontum Province border. On 11 February the suspected Hq, PAVN 40th Artillery Regiment was located in Cambodia near 14-35N 107-28E (YB 682138) approximately 18 km southwest of its 7 February location. The tentative Hq, PAVN 174th Regiment, 1st Division, was located on the same date in Cambodia near 14-30N 107-28E (YB 660048), about 11 km southwest of its 10 February position.

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### VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE



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In military intelligence (MI) activity in the western highlands, on 12 February an MI authority of the 1st Division--probably the forward element of the MI Section (MIS), Hq, 1st Division--instructed a subordinate--located on 2 February in the Dak To area near 14-31N 107-42E (YB 922065)--to "open fire if you have arrived at the location." The subordinate was instructed to attack slowly and continuously and to "control the airfield" (probably Dak To airfield). The forward element further stated that it was sending "one additional" recoilless rifle to the subordinate. In addition, results of an attack on an airfield at 1700 hours (GOLF) on 11 February was reported in a second message of the same date, probably from the same subordinate to the forward element of the MIS. The originator stated that "four rounds impacted on the main center portion of the airfield" and indicated that flames were visible from his position.

In eastern Quang Nam Province, the possible Hq, VC 1st Regiment, PAVN 2nd Division--last located near 15-55N 108-14E (BT 037595)--reported on 12 February that it was in a difficult situation and in combat. In the same area, the probable Hq, PAVN 2nd Division Forward Element was located on 12 February near 15-43N 108-10E (AT 990384), 10 km southeast of its 10 February location and about 24 km southwest of Hoi An. In south-central Quang Nam, an unidentified subordinate of Hq, Rear Services Group 44 was located on 12 February near 15-45N 107-57E (ZC 159427), 12 km southwest of its 4 February location.

(2/G12/VCM/T362-68, 122220Z; T359-68, 121622Z; T358-68, 121550Z; T357-68, 121235Z; T356-68, 121225Z; T355-68, 121059Z; R0458-68, 121725Z; R0454-68, 121320Z; R0453-68, 121200Z; R0452-68, 120929Z; R0450-68, 120130Z; R0449-68, 120120Z) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

### Military Region 1

In Binh Duong Province in a 12 February message, an unidentified MI control authority instructed a subordinate to withhold its fire on 12 and 14 February, but to fire four rounds on the 13th and two rounds on the morning of the 15th. Both the unidentified MI authority and the subordinate operate from positions in central Binh Duong Province near Lai Khe.

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In another message of 12 February, the subordinate provided the control authority with "the plan of action of the Americans at Lai Khe." The subordinate stated that between 0600 and 0800 (all times GOLF), "they move about; from 0800 to 1400 they remain stationary; from 1400 to 1600 they move about; and from 1600 to 1800 they remain stationary." The subordinate further indicated that the Allied forces had moved about freely "from the time we opened fire until 0130."

In a third message of 12 February, the subordinate reported results of a Communist attack on 11 February and stated that artillery shells had hit a village house and the airfield and set fire to one GMC truck.

Messages passed between these two elements since about 1 February have indicated their association with the possible PAVN 7th Division and a 52nd Battalion. According to collateral, there is a 52nd Battalion subordinate to the VC 69th Artillery Regiment.

To the southeast in Bien Hoa Province, Hq, VC 274th Regiment, VC 5th Light Infantry Division, which has not been observed in communications with any of its subordinate battalions since 25 September 1967, reactivated communications with two of its subordinates in early February. The regimental headquarters attempted to contact the tentative Hq, VC 1st Battalion and the probable Hq, VC 2nd Battalion on 12 and 5 February, respectively. Communications with the probable 2nd Battalion were successfully established on 9 February when the battalion sent one message to the regiment.

(2/G10/VCM/R65-68, 120812Z; T258-68, 121814Z; T257-68, 121445Z; T256-68, 120658Z; 3/O/STY/R32-68) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

Military Region 4 (SVN)

On 12 February, the Region 4 Committee was located in Hau Nghia Province near 10-49N 106-27E (XS 575964), about 3 km west of the Duc Hoa Special Forces Camp and approximately 27 km west of its 10 February position.

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2. DRV CommunicationsDMZ Area

An unidentified, possible battalion-echelon entity reported to an unidentified element on 11 February that the "enemy" was using C-47 aircraft to plant explosive devices along the highway--probably Route 9--and river banks. The devices were described as being "like leaves and they are covered by a loose fabric," and it was further stated "they will explode under a pressure of 3 kilograms." Reportedly, many troops have been wounded as a result of the seeding.

On 13 February three messages were passed between unidentified PAVN entities over voice facilities. These messages were unique in that they were of a type which have been noted being originated in the DMZ area only by elements of the PAVN 304th Division.

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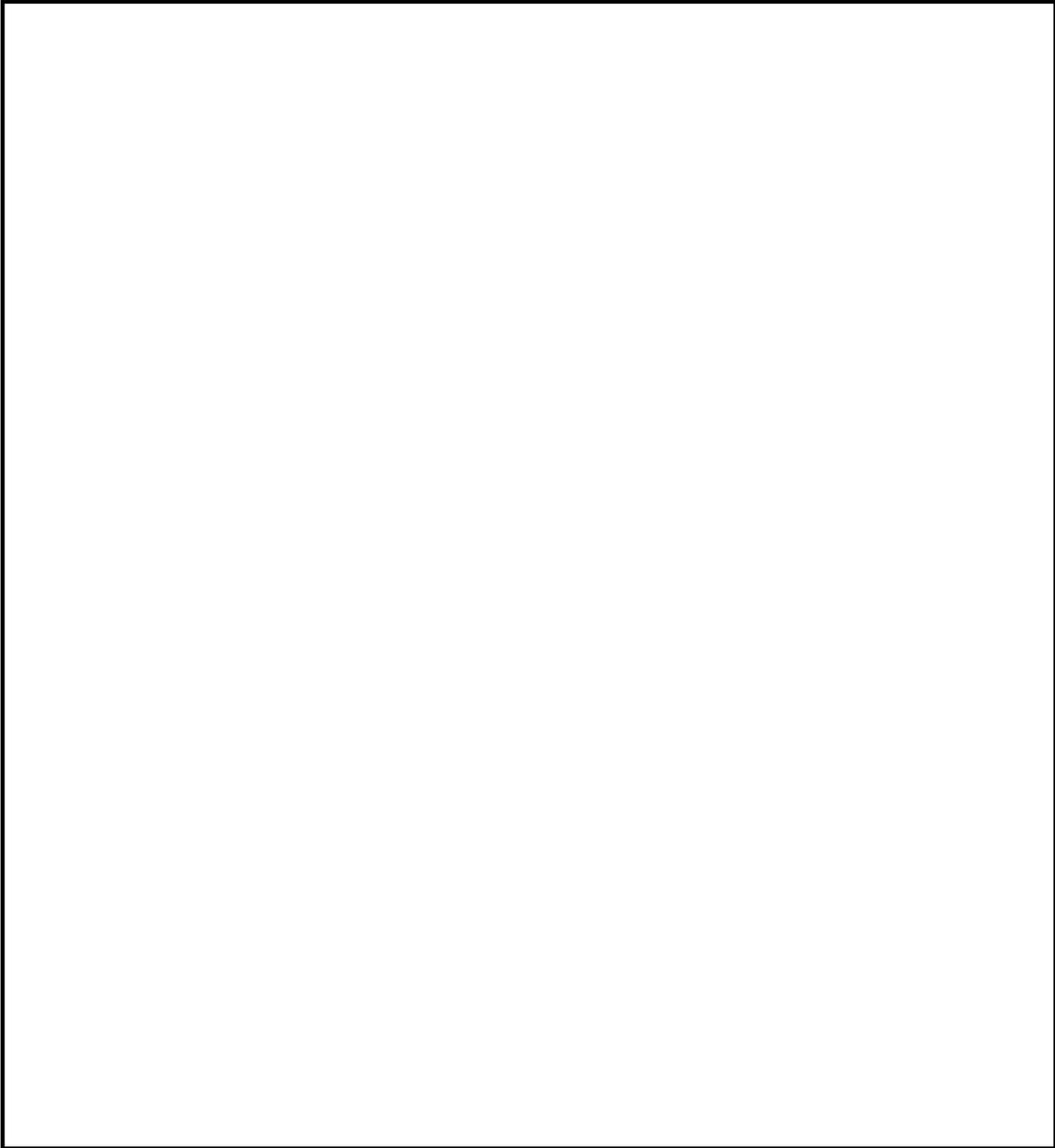
An indication of additional propeller-driven aircraft flights in MR 4 was contained in a message passed on 13 February from the tentative 66th Battalion, 275th Regiment (possibly AAA-associated) to an unidentified subordinate company. The subordinate was informed "From now on whenever there are propeller aircraft, the unit is not to fire. Only when the propeller aircraft fire at us can we fire." Both the 66th Battalion and its subordinate are believed to be located in Nghe An Province, the battalion headquarters in the vicinity of Nam Thuong (18-50N 105-24E, WF 4483).

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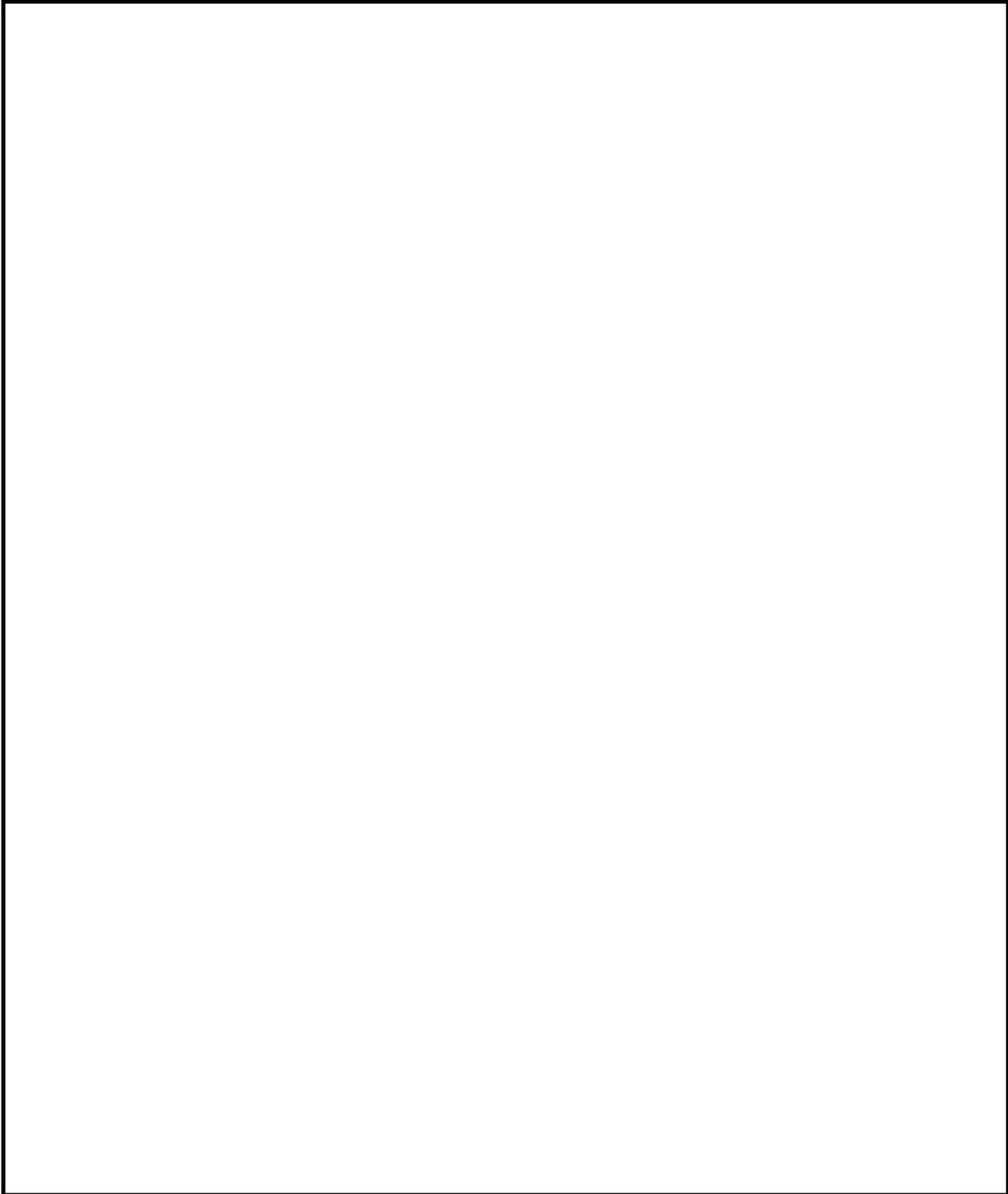


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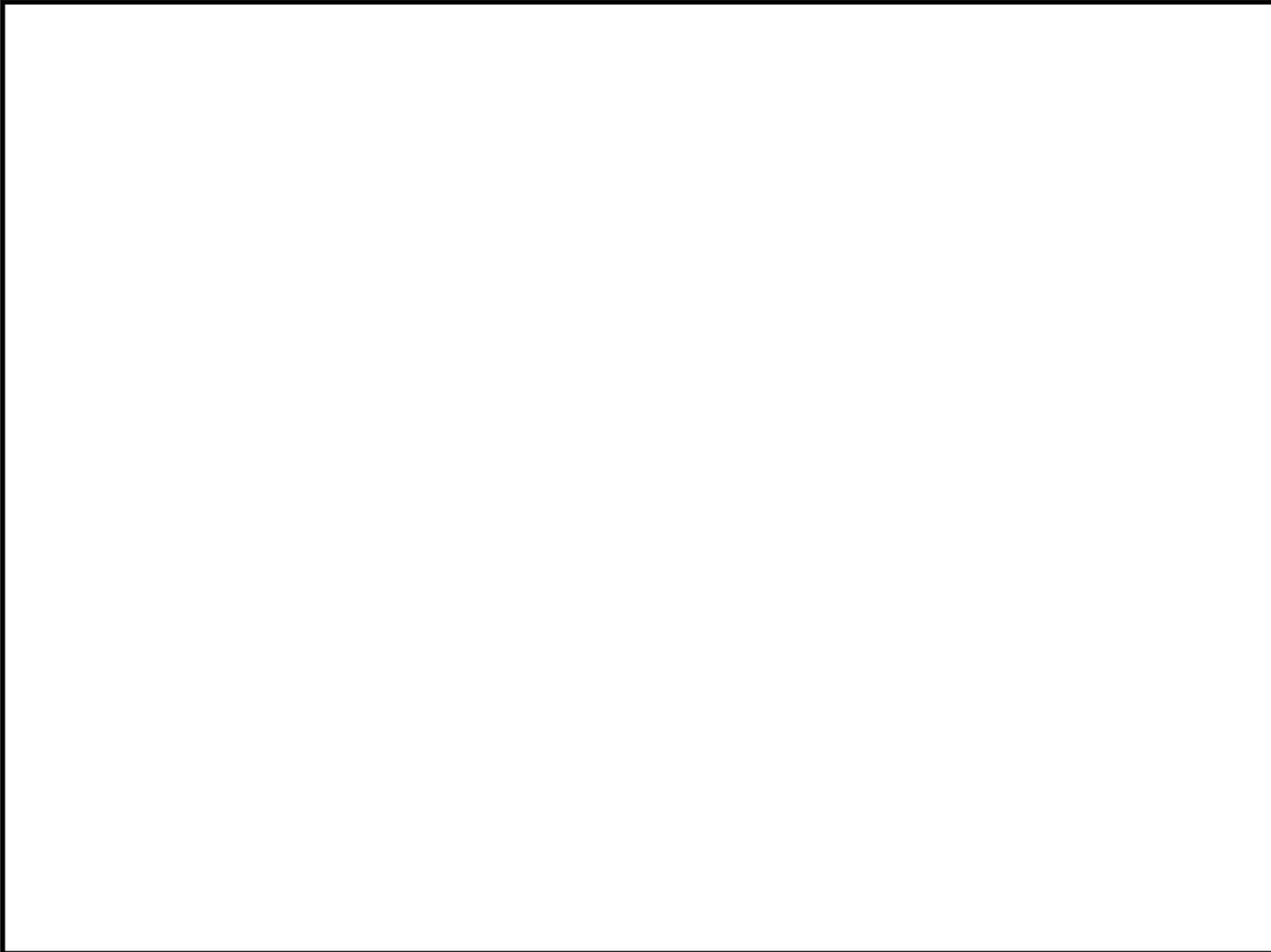


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