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SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATIONS POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST

MAIN FORCE UNITS IN MILITARY REGIONS 1 AND 10

Four radio groups, activated since early October 1967, are possibly associated with Vietnamese Communist Main Force Units in Military Regions (MR) 1 and 10. Three of the groups serve units located in the northern Tay Ninh-Binh Long Province area while the fourth serves entities located in Phuoc Long Province. All of the groups use related signal plans and the majority have been associated with units which relocated since October or maintained limited communications activity on previously isolated communications since that time.¹ The association and structures of these communications are discussed by area.

Tay Ninh-Binh Long Province Area

The three groups serving units located in the northern Tay Ninh-Binh Long Province area were initially noted during the period 3-22 October. The first group was activated on 3 October and represents communications between an unidentified control authority, which was previously located in northeastern Tay Ninh Province at 11-40N 106-27E (XT 579890) on 11 December and was last located at 11-34N 106-19E (XT 444708) on 8 January, and three unidentified entities--one located at 11-34N 106-16E (XT 377778) on 3 January, another at 11-39N 106-16E (XT 389874) on 10 January, and the last at 11-18N 106-27E (XT 576498) on 24 November. SIGINT locations obtained on these entities suggest that they may be associated with the possible Hq, PAVN 7th Division; the tentative Hq, PAVN 7th Division Forward Element; and the tentative Hq, PAVN 101st Regiment, respectively. The role of this unidentified control authority cannot be determined; however, available SIGINT indicates that it is located near or with the control authority of another Vietnamese Communist radio group which was initially noted in communications on 20 October and which was located in northeastern Tay Ninh Province at 11-42N 106-27E (XT 582928) on 12 December. The control authority of the latter group (which appears to be a watch group) communicates with at least 10 subordinates, including entities suspected to be associated with the possible unidentified front headquarters possible Hq, 7th Division and its tentative forward element, and the probable Hq, Viet Cong (VC) 272nd Regiment. Two of the subordinates on this watch group--the possible unidentified front headquarters and an unidentified unit--are also subscribers on watch groups controlled by Hq, VC 9th Light Infantry Division (LID) and the Military Affairs Section of COSVN.²

The second group, initially observed on 20 October, represents communications between the possible unidentified front headquarters located at 11-52N 106-31E (XU 669102) on 31 December in Binh Long Province and the same three unidentified entities which communicate with the unidentified control authority located in northeastern Tay Ninh Province. The third group, active since 22 October, represents communications between an unidentified unit located at 11-39N 106-03E (XT 140872) on 30 November and two of the three unidentified entities which communicate with the possible Hq, Unidentified Front and the unidentified control authority located in Tay Ninh Province--those unidentified entities which may be associated with the tentative Hq, 7th Division Forward Element and the tentative Hq, 101st Regiment. SIGINT locations obtained on this unidentified unit suggest that the unit may be associated with the tentative Hq, PAVN 141st Regiment.

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Since the activation of these three radio groups, the possible Hq, Unidentified Front; the possible Hq, 7th Division; the tentative Hq, 7th Division Forward Element; and the tentative Hq, 101st and 141st Regiments have been noted in very limited communications activity.

Phuoc Long Province Area

The radio group in Phuoc Long Province was first noted on 20 October and represents communications between an unidentified control authority located at 11-55N 107-08E (YU 330171) on 31 December and two unidentified entities--one located at 11-21N 106-31E (XT 650545) on 10 January and the other at 11-42N 107-09E (YT 350950) on 10 January. SIGINT locations observed on the entities represented on this group suggest that the group may represent communications between the Hq, VC 5th LID element in Phuoc Long and its two subordinate regiments--the possible Hq, PAVN 88th Regiment and the possible Hq, VC 275th Regiment. These Vietnamese Communist units have been noted at times in limited communications activity on previously identified communications since early October 1967.

Summary

The activation of these communications and other SIGINT developments since early October 1967 suggests that the Vietnamese Communists may be reorganizing and possibly augmenting their military apparatus in at least the northern MR 1 and 10 areas of South Vietnam. Since late November 1967, six unidentified elements of Hq, PAVN B3 Front have moved into the MR 10 area.³ One of these elements moved within MR 10 from Phuoc Long to Binh Long Province during late December and was located in western Binh Long Province near the Cambodian border at 11-45N 106-26E (XT 561996) on 1 January.⁴

Preliminary information indicates that three additional radio groups have been activated in the Binh Long Province area since 3 January.⁵ The control authorities of two of these groups are located in the same area as the unidentified B3 Front element in western Binh Long. The control authority of the third group is unlocated.

A net diagram depicting the communications structure of these groups is included in the hard copy only.

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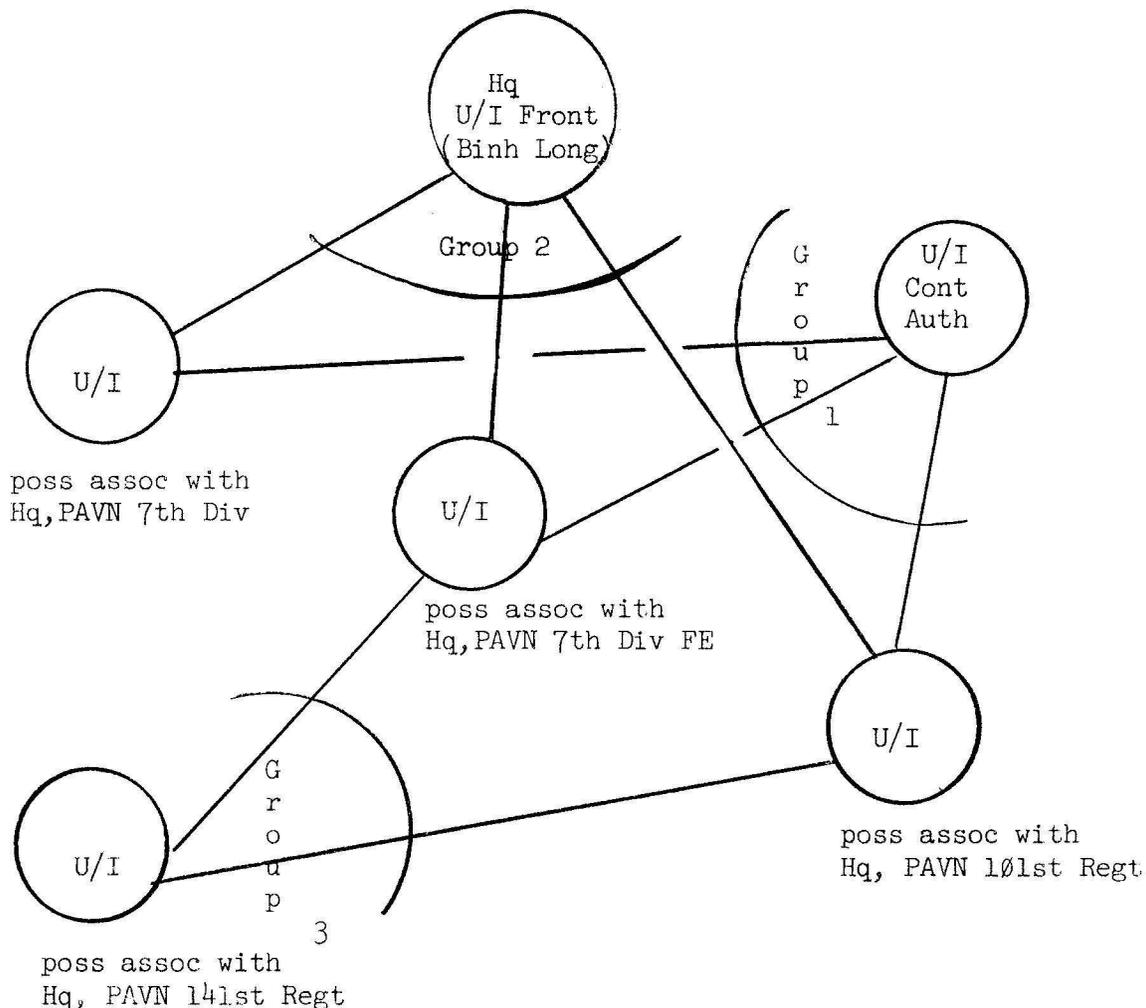
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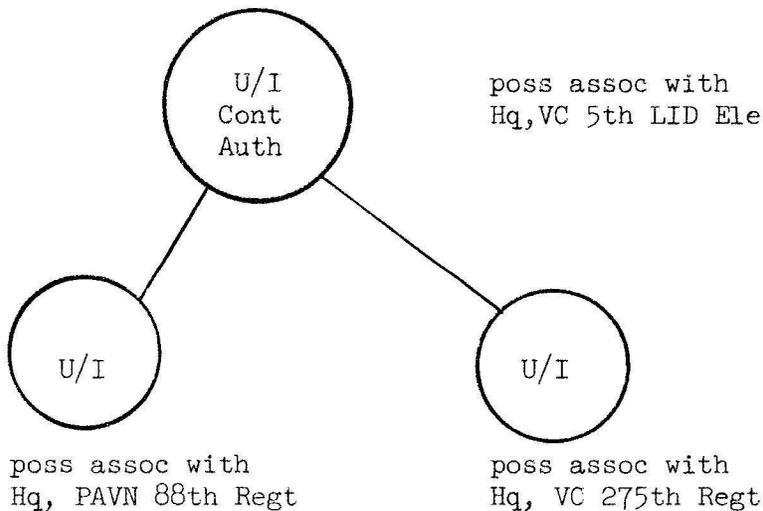
TAY NINH-BINH LONG PROVINCE AREA

Radio groups initially noted 3-22 October 1967.



PHUOC LONG PROVINCE AREA

Radio groups initially noted 20 October 1967.



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