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HQ, COSVN REAR SERVICES GROUP 84 TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED

A control authority, initially noted in communications in late January 1967 and previously suspected of serving a Vietnamese Communist regimental headquarters, has been tentatively identified as Hq, COSVN Rear Services Group 84. This control authority has consistently been located by SIGINT in northern Phuoc Tuy Province, Military Region (MR) 1--most recently on 15 January 1968 at 10-43N 107-22E (YS 586835). According to collateral, COSVN Rear Services Group 84 operates in the same area, providing logistical support to the Viet Cong (VC) 5th Light Infantry Division (LID) and other VC units operating in the Bien Hoa-Phuoc Tuy-Long Khanh Province area.

Since at least 25 January 1967, the tentative Hq, COSVN Rear Services Group 84 has maintained communications with the Hq, VC 5th LID which operates in southeastern MR 1. Group 84 was first noted in communications with subordinates in mid-February 1967 and by early March had established radio contact with three unidentified elements--one on 14 February, a second on 20 February, and the third on 1 March. All three of these elements have been located in southern MR 1, most recently during November 1967: the first on 14 November in western Phuoc Tuy at 10-42N 107-06E (YS 304825), the second in the Bien Hoa-Phuoc Tuy Province border area on 16 November at 10-41N 107-01E (YS 210808), and the third on 11 November in southern Long Khanh Province near the Binh Tuy Province border at 11-03N 107-22E (YT 577225). The element located in western Phuoc Tuy also appeared as a communications subordinate of Hq, MR 1 from 18 February through at least 24 October 1967.

Available information indicates that another subordinate of Hq, MR 1--the tentative Ba Bien Provincial Unit (BBPU)--is associated with the tentative Hq, COSVN Rear Services Group 84. SIGINT locations obtained on BBPU indicate that it is located near or with the Group 84 headquarters, and on at least one occasion they have used the same communications facilities. Hq, MR 1 has not been noted in communications with the tentative BBPU since 27 November. The apparent lack of communications between Hq, MR 1 and the BBPU, and between Hq, MR 1 and the unidentified subordinate of the tentative Hq, Group 84 may be a result of a communications change effected in early December.

At the present time there are four unidentified radio terminals located in the vicinity of the tentative Hq, COSVN Rear Services Group 84, some or all of which may serve that authority. Three of these terminals were first heard during the period from late February 1964 to early February 1966, and the remaining terminal was initially noted during early October 1967. The latter uses a signal plan related to those used on other Vietnamese Communist communications activated since early October 1967 in the MR's 1 and 10 area of South Vietnam. The following provides the first heard dates and latest locations for the four unidentified terminals and indicates with whom they communicate:

<u>TERMINAL</u>	<u>FIRST HEARD</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMUNICATES WITH</u>
1	27 Feb 64	10-45N 107-31E (YS 760889) 18 Oct 67	Military Affairs Section (MAS) COSVN and possibly Hq, MR 1 (although

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			communications with the latter have not been heard since 23 June 1967) <sup>1</sup>
2	18 Nov 65	10-50N 107-28E (YS 712972) 22 Dec 67	Hq, VC 5th LID Element located in southeastern MR 1
3	5 Feb 66	10-44N 107-31E (YS 758869) 27 Oct 67	Unidentified and unlocated entity
4	8 Oct 67	10-44N 107-24E (YS 638859) 14 Dec 67	Unidentified entity located in northern Tay Ninh Province

Collateral indicates that there are a number of COSVN rear services groups in the Nam Bo area of South Vietnam that are responsible for providing logistical support--including ordnance, finance, quartermaster, and medical--to Vietnamese Communist units operating in Nam Bo. The tentative Hq, COSVN Rear Services Group 84 is located in the Phuoc Tuy Province area that SIGINT, since mid-1961, indicates is a termination point of Vietnamese Communist maritime infiltration activity.<sup>2</sup>

A diagram depicting the structure of these communications is attached to the hard copy only.

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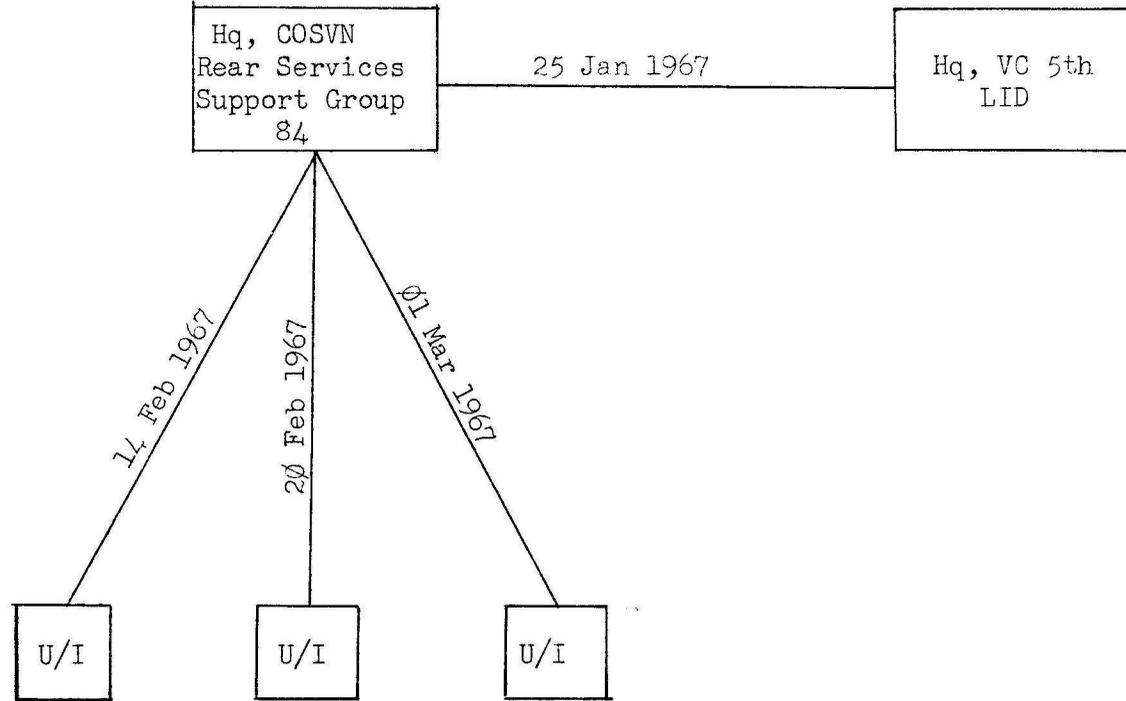
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APPENDIX

HQ, COSVN REAR SERVICES GROUP 84 COMMUNICATIONS



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