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Three messages passed by an unidentified Vietnamese Communist military element on 30 January suggest that the Communists may be preparing to initiate tactical operations in the southern Binh Long Province area of Military Region (MR) 10. This unidentified element which was located on 27 January in southwestern Binh Long Province at 11-31N 106-34E (XT 705730), sent the messages to an unidentified and unlocated subordinate of a control authority first noted in early January and located in western Binh Long Province near the Cambodia border at 11-44N 106-28E (XT 600965).¹

The first message was addressed to ". . . AN TRUONG" and stated, "You are to return immediately to carry out an assignment. K7 and K8 have arrived. We are making arrangements to take them into the staging position." The second message was originated by a "THONG" and addressed to "N1" stating in part, "Bring the military operations plan back immediately The battalion is located at the regiment" The remaining message, possibly addressed to BA DIEN, stated, "the . . . of the worksite is to return immediately to meet with me." The above personalities cannot be identified, however, K7 and K8 may refer to battalions. The letter "K" is commonly used by the Communists to refer to battalions and "worksite" is used in the Nam Bo area to refer to division.

At the present time there are a number of other Vietnamese Communist military and military intelligence entities located in the Tay Ninh-Binh Long Province border area. These include the tentative Hq, PAVN 165th Regiment which was located at 11-28N 106-35E (XT 721668) on 23 January, an unidentified new military intelligence control authority located at 11-20N 106-30E (XT 620529) on 25 January, and a subordinate of the possible Hq, C95 Reconnaissance Company, Military Intelligence Section (MIS), Hq, Viet Cong (VC) 9th Light Infantry Division (LID) which was located on 22 January near 11-29N 106-24E (XT 526677). Since about mid-January, both the possible Hq, VC 46th Sapper-Reconnaissance Battalion and a subordinate of the probable Hq, C95 Reconnaissance Company, MIS, Hq, VC 9th LID have been reporting on points in northeastern Tay Ninh near the Binh Long border, particularly on a Ba Chiem (11-30N 106-21E, XT 469701).² As late as 30 January the Military Intelligence Bureau of COSVN informed the possible 46th Reconnaissance Battalion of activities of the ARVN 22nd Regiment in the vicinity of Ba Chiem.³

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1. 3/0/STY/R09-68.
 2. 3/0/STY/R21-68.
 3. 2/G10/VCM/T196-68.

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