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FOLLOW-UP NUMBER 13 TOCOORDINATED VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE EVIDENCEDIN SOUTH VIETNAM (252332Z)

SIGINT indicates that a concentration of Vietnamese Communist elements has recently developed in the immediate vicinity of Ban Me Thuot, in southern Darlac Province. This concentration of forces appears to be divided into three separate areas around Ban Me Thuot--immediately south and north of the city, and about 20 km southwest of the city. Part of the latter grouping moved into this area by 30 January from points in neighboring Military Region (MR) 10.

The grouping to the north of Ban Me Thuot currently consists of five unidentified Vietnamese Communist radio terminals, each of which is near 12-40N 108-01E (AQ 775020). One of these terminals, moreover, moved into this area between 27 and 30 January from a point 15 km to the south. Another of these five terminals relocated between 8 and 30 January from a position 15 km to the north.

To the south of Ban Me Thuot there is a clustering of eight radio terminals, all located in the vicinity of 12-38N 108-02E (AP 770970). This grouping includes two units which have been associated with the PAVN B3 Front and which recently conducted movements into this new area, one from a point 20 km to the southwest of its current position, and the other from an area 15 km to the south-southwest. Both of these moves were accomplished after 25 January.

The third grouping of radio terminals, about 20 km southwest of Ban Me Thuot near 12-25N 107-54E (ZU 150750), has been evidenced since last November 1967, when a number of PAVN B3 Front elements began deploying to the northern MR 10 area. This concentration currently consists of a number of unidentified elements, but includes a headquarters element of the PAVN B3 Front which currently communicates with the Hq, B3 Front in Kontum Province, the Darlac Provincial Unit, and with an unidentified entity associated with the B3 Front. The senior element in this grouping appears to be the B3 Front Headquarters element.

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