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Messages of 31 January indicate that the probable Hq, PAVN 1st Division element in western Pleiku Province came under fire on the night of the 31st from Allied artillery at Sung Le (13-54N 107-40E, YA 8812). In a message, sent to the probable Hq, PAVN B3 Front authority, the probable Hq, PAVN 1st Division element reported that Allied guns at Sung Le had fired on its position and on Chu Ngot (13-51N 107-33E, YA 7632). It also indicated that L19s and helicopters were circling overhead and speculated that the helicopters were dropping commandoes at Chu Ba (13-53N 107-33E, YA 8131) during the night. It further stated that B52s had made two passes over the Chu Ba area. In a later message the probable Hq, PAVN B3 Front authority directed the subordinate to move into the Chu Kram (13-50N 107-36E, YA 8131) and Chu Yam (13-48N 107-32E, YA 7427) areas in order to keep track of Allied activity at Le Thanh and Phu Yen (unlocated) and directed that one squad be sent to Le Thanh. The probable Hq, PAVN 1st Division element was located by SIGINT on 31 January in extreme northwestern Pleiku Province near 13-56N 107-28E (YA 675432). The probable Hq, PAVN B3 Front authority was located by SIGINT on 31 January in Cambodia near 14-03N 107-21E (YA 546555).

In western Kontum Province a subordinate of the Military Intelligence Section (MIS) Hq, PAVN 1st Division informed the MIS in a message of 31 January that a reinforced Allied (possibly infantry company) had recently encamped near the subordinate's position and had fired 81 mm mortars into the subordinate's formation. The subordinate said that it would open retaliatory fire on the possible company from a range of 1100 meters on the evening of 31 January. The subordinate was located by SIGINT on 27 January near 14-34N 107-47E (YB 996120). The MIS was located by SIGINT on 31 January in Kontum Province near 14-33N 107-36E (YB 817104). This represents a move of 27 km southeast from the MIS's 30 January location in Cambodia near 14-45N 107-31E (YB 728331).

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