A recently available message transmitted from the probable Hq, PAVN lst Division element operating in the western Pleiku Province area to the probable Hq, PAVN 93 Front authority on 1 February gives further indications that a new phase of the Communist offensive may be imminent. This message stated, "We are extremely proud and touched by the tremendous concern of the leadership for the mission and the livelihood of the unit. We feel that we will take the initiative to complete the mission that the Party committee assigned us and that during this phase we will sound the bugle call like in the old days... cause them [i.e., the men] to boil to a sufficient degree, to follow the blare of the bugles... As for requests, we ask nothing. It's up to you."

Indications that a new phase of "N-Day" operations may commence on the morning of 3 February have been noted in other recent Vietnamese Communist communications activity.

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