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In a message of 2 February the Military Intelligence Section (MIS) Hq, PAVN 1st Division was informed by a subordinate, located by SIGINT on 28 January near 14-47N 107-41E (YB 894361), that the unit had arrived at "E3" (possibly the 3rd Regiment), had received its assignment, and was moving up to the "DK element"¹ subordinate to E3. In addition, this subordinate mentioned that "We and the artillery belonging to E40² are being served by a 15 watt radio." Earlier messages from the MIS instructed this subordinate to bring the troops back to receive a new assignment from a Comrade "DOI" [DOOIS] identified as the assistant commander of the 3rd Regiment.³

In another message of 2 February the probable forward element of the MIS, Hq, PAVN 1st Division was queried by a subordinate located by SIGINT on 27 January near 14-34N 107-47E (YB 996120) as to whether or not the enemy was at the Chop Non (14-37N 107-48E, ZB 0118) position so that it could make an assessment of the "enemy situation to the rear." On 3 February the forward element in reply to the subordinate's query stated: "The enemy is still at 642⁴ and there is no enemy at Chop Non." The forward element of the MIS was located by SIGINT on 31 January near 14-33N 107-37E (YB 817104) in Kontum Province.

1. Possibly refers to rocket or recoilless rifle element.
2. According to collateral, there is a 40th Artillery Regiment subordinate to the PAVN B3 Front.
3. 2/O/VCM/R56-68.
4. Probably hill number 642 located at 14-40N 107-48E (ZB 0223).

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