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SUMMARY OF VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN DRV, MILITARY
REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE AND LAOS WHICH HAS BECOME AVAILABLE
DURING THE PERIOD 151300Z-160959Z JANUARY 1968.
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I. HIGHLIGHTS

- A. MOVEMENT OF HQ, 325C DIVISION CONFIRMED (SEC II PARA A.1.).
- B. 9TH AND 10TH REGIMENTS LOCATED IN GENERAL KHE SANH AREA (SEC II PARA A.2. AND PARA A.5.).

II. SUMMARY

A. PAVN ACTIVITY--DMZ AREA

1. 325C DIVISION

THE INITIAL INDICATION OF A MOVE BY HQ, 325C DIVISION WAS OBSERVED ON 15 DECEMBER WHEN THE HEADQUARTERS INDICATED THAT IT WOULD SUSPEND COMMUNICATIONS AND POSSIBLY RELOCATE. DURING THIS SAME PERIOD =URGENT= AND UNUSUAL MESSAGE ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED. AFTER THIS 15 DECEMBER ACTIVITY AND THROUGH 27 DECEMBER, WITH ONLY ONE EXCEPTION ON 21 DECEMBER, THE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS WAS NOT OBSERVED IN COMMUNICATIONS DURING THE DAYLIGHT HOURS.

SIGINT INDICATES THAT HQ, 325C DIVISION WAS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF 16-54N 106-32E (XD 629 795) ON 27 DECEMBER, 16-43N 106-30E (XD 600 495) ON 3 JANUARY AND 16-45N 106-29E (XD 590 458) ON 16 JANUARY. THE COMMUNICATIONS OF THE DIVISION HAVE BEEN ABNORMAL WHILE THE HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN MOVING.

THE INFORMATION OF 16 JANUARY CONFIRMS THAT ALL OF THE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS HAS RELOCATED FROM THE DONG HOI AREA. (2/G11/VCJ/R1319-67, R1403-67, R022-68, R004-68, AND R092-68)

2. 9TH REGIMENT ON 16 JANUARY, BOTH THE HQ, 9TH REGIMENT AND HQ, 7 BATTALION WERE LOCATED BY SIGINT IN THE VICINITIES OF 16-50N 106-49 (XD 952 631) AND 16-47N 106-43E (XD 840 589) RESPECTIVELY. THIS REPRESENTS A MOVE OF APPROXIMATELY 8 MILES TO THE SOUTH-SOUTHEAST FOR HQ, 9TH REGIMENT AND APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES NORTH FOR HQ, 7TH BATTALION.

3. 8TH REGIMENT A REPORT FROM THE 3RD COMPANY, 2ND

BATTALION TO THE BATTALION HEADQUARTERS REVEALED CONTINUED PAVN INTEREST IN ALLIED FENCES AT CON THIEN IN THE AREAS DESIGNATED M-2 (16-54N 106-58E, YD 110 711) AND M-3 (16-53N 106-57E, YD 092 698). REFERENCE WAS ALSO MADE TO THE USE OF SNIPERS AND MORTARS BY ALLIED FORCES, POSSIBLY TO COVER THESE AREAS. (2/G11/VCM/T0422-68)

4. 27TH BATTALION THE 5TH AND 6TH COMPANIES, 27TH INDEPENDENT BATTALION CONTINUED TO EXCHANGE DETAILED RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS ON ALLIED TROOP STRENGTH AND MOVEMENTS DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS. INCLUDED IN THE REPORTS WERE THE AREAS OF AN BINH (16-43N 107-04E, YD 216 503), NHAT LE (16-59N 107-03E, YD 195 812), DINH XA (16-48N 107-02E, YD 180 596), LAM LANG (16-48N 107-00E, YD 140 648), AT TU (16-46N 107-07E, YD 275 556), AND CAM LO (16-48N 107-00E, YD 140 600). ANOTHER REPORT REVEALED THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE BELIEVED THAT THE AMERICANS AT CON THIEN WOULD BE REPLACED BY AN ARVN REGIMENT. (2/G11/VCM/T0416-68 AND T0421-68)

5. 101ST REGIMENT HQ, 101ST REGIMENT WAS LOCATED BY SIGINT ON 16 JANUARY IN THE VICINITY OF 16-39N 106-27E (XD 565 425). THIS REPRESENTS A MOVE OF APPROXIMATELY 60 KILOMETERS IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION FROM ITS 29 DECEMBER LOCATION IN THE VICINITY OF 16-59N 107-43E (XD 806 921). HQ, 101ST REGIMENT HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN IRREGULAR COMMUNICATIONS WITH HQ, 325C DIVISION SINCE 15 DECEMBER. (2/G11/VCM/R0389-68)

B. PAVN ACTIVITY--INTERNAL

1. MILITARY REGION 3 (MR 3) ON 15 JANUARY 1968 =WAY STATION= ECHO (RAD 4818F) WAS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF 16-42N 106-40E (XD 789 469). THIS REPRESENTS A MOVE OF APPROXIMATELY 34 KILOMETERS IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION FROM ITS 7 JANUARY LOCATION. STATION ECHO WAS TENTATIVELY LOCATED ON 15 JANUARY WITHIN 20 NAUTICAL MILES OF 16-50N 106-45E (XD 870 64F). (TACREP NR 067-68 16032Z PASEP G11/HOTEL, 2/G11/VCM/R0387-68 AND R0382-68, AND 2/G11/VCJ/R015-68)

2. 304TH DIVISION THE SUSPECT INFANTRY REGIMENT SUBORDINATE TO THE PAVN 304TH DIVISION WAS OBSERVED ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS ON 16 JANUARY. THIS IS THE SUSPECT REGIMENT'S FIRST ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS SINCE 6 JANUARY. WHILE THIS SUSPECT REGIMENTAL SUBORDINATE WAS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF 17-06N 106-10E (XD 256 950) ON 6 JANUARY, SIGINT OF 16 JANUARY TENTATIVELY INDICATES THAT THIS UNIT WAS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF 17-50N 105-13E (WE 22 72) ON 16 JANUARY. THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE RELOCATION OF THIS SUSPECT REGIMENT

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3. 320TH DIVISION THE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY SERVING THE 320TH INFANTRY DIVISION HAS BEEN UNOBSERVED IN COMMUNICATIONS SINCE 13 JANUARY.

4. 275TH REGIMENT A REFERENCE TO THE =6TH BATTALION, 275TH REGIMENT ((E275))= WAS CONTAINED IN A 16 JANUARY MESSAGE BETWEEN AN UNIDENTIFIED PCIZBLE BATTALION ECHELON ENTITY AND ITS SUBORDINATE POSSIBLE 1ST COMPANY. THIS IS THE FIRST SIGINT IDENTIFICATION OF THE PAVN 275TH REGIMENT.

COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE POSSIBLE BATTALION AND ITS SUBORDINATES HAVE CONTAINED REFERENCES TO AN UNIDENTIFIED DIVISION (PROBABLY THE SUPERIOR HEADQUARTERS OF THE 275TH REGIMENT), THE =TET GIA= UNIT, CAMP 25A, COMPANIES 16, 213 AND 312, AND THE 23RD BATTALION. WHILE THE FUNCTION AND SUBORDINATION OF THESE UNITS IS UNKNOWN, THE UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION ECHELON ENTITY IS PROBABLY THE 6TH BATTALION, 275TH REGIMENT WITH SUBORDINATE 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD COMPANIES. THIS IDENTIFICATION IS SUPPORTED BY REFERENCES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO =OUR REGIMENT= AND =OUR DIVISION.= (2/G11/VCM/T0430-68 AND T0431-68)

C. REAR SERVICES THE LOCATIONS OF REAR SERVICES ELEMENTS DESIGNATED B-25 AND B-27 WERE REVEALED IN A REPORT FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED REAR SERVICE ENTITY ON 15 JANUARY. THE REAR SERVICE ELEMENT DESIGNATED B-25 IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF NAM DAN (18-42N 105-40E, WF 700 630).

THE REPORT ADDRESSED TO REAR SERVICE ELEMENTS DESIGNATED B-22 AND B-24 (UNLOCATED) INSTRUCTED THAT CARGOS OF ARMS, MUNITIONS AND FUEL WERE TO BE =OFF-LOADED= AT THESE LOCATIONS. (2/G11/VCM/T0425-68)

D. MILITARY REGION TRI-HIEN-HUE (MR TTH) A TERMINAL SERVING AN UNIDENTIFIED SUBORDINATE OF THE TENTATIVE 4TH REGIMENT WAS INITIALLY LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF 16-18N 109-33E (YD 741 040) ON 16 JANUARY. (TACREP NR 068-68 160910Z PASEP G11/HOTEL)

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