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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM
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SUBJECT [REDACTED] EXPECTATION OF A SECOND WAVE
OF VIET CONG ATTACKS ON OR ABOUT 18 FEBRUARY

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ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (16 FEBRUARY 1968)
SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] THE VIET CONG (VC) TO LAUNCH A SECOND WAVE OF SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS IN THE SAN, HUE, QUANG TRI, DEMILITARIZED ZONE AND SAIGON AROUND 18 FEBRUARY. [REDACTED] BASED [REDACTED] ON INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE INTERROGATION OF PRISONERS, SOME OF WHOM WERE RECENTLY CAPTURED EN ROUTE FROM LONG AN PROVINCE TO SAIGON. [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH IT WAS DIFFICULT TO PIN DOWN THE EXACT DATE THE VC SECOND-PHASE ATTACKS WOULD OCCUR, THE VC DEFINITELY HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO LAUNCH FURTHER ATTACKS. [REDACTED] THE VC HAD NOT COMMITTED MAIN FORCE UNITS INSIDE SAIGON DURING THE TET OFFENSIVE. [REDACTED] IN THE SECOND ATTACK ON SAIGON THE VC MIGHT WELL USE FIFTH MAIN FORCE BATTALION. [REDACTED] THE AMERICANS SHOULD REMAIN ALERT, [REDACTED] THE VC ARE CAPABLE OF CONTINUING THE ATTACK ON SAIGON USING MAIN FORCE UNITS.

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2. [REDACTED] THE POLICE WOULD REQUIRE THREE MONTHS TO RESTORE THE SECURITY SITUATION IN SAIGON TO ITS PRE-TET LEVEL. [REDACTED] THREE ARVN BATTALIONS, IN ADDITION TO [REDACTED] POLICE UNITS, SHOULD BE STATIONED PERMANENTLY INSIDE SAIGON CITY TO SHARE RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE POLICE FOR THE CITY'S SECURITY. [REDACTED] HOPED THE UNITS OF THE U.S. 199TH LIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE WOULD REMAIN IN SAIGON TO ASSIST [REDACTED] IN CLEANING OUT THE REMNANTS OF THE VC BUT [REDACTED] LEARNED EARLIER THAT DAY THAT THE U.S. UNITS WOULD BE PULLED OUT OF SAIGON ON 17 FEBRUARY. [REDACTED] THESE U.S. UNITS SHOULD REMAIN IN SAIGON AT LEAST UNTIL THE END OF FEBRUARY.

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3. FIELD DISSEM: STATE USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE CINCPAC PACFLT
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