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 SUBJ: REVIEW OF TET OFFENSIVE
 REF: UR ADP-128, DTG 121918Z (SMO 03193/12)

1. COMPLETE REVIEW AND ANALYSIS UNDERTAKEN HERE TO INSURE ALL SIGINT PRODUCT IDENTIFIED WHICH PROVIDED FORWARNING OF NVN/VIC TET OFFENSIVE. THIS INCLUDED ALL PRODUCT ISSUED BY CMA AS WELL AS DIRNSA DURING PERIOD 15-30 JANUARY. HAVE CONCLUDED THAT WHILE THERE ARE NUMEROUS REPORTS, TRANSLATIONS, WHICH ELUDE TO THIS POSSIBILITY, NO SUCH FOREWARNING WAS PREDICTED UNTIL DIRNSA VIEWED TOTAL PERSPECTIVE AND ISSUED WRAP-UPS AND FORWARNING IN REPORTS OUTLINED IN PARA THREE OF REF. THE ONE EXCEPTION TO THIS, DEPENDING ON YOUR DEFINITION OF FOREWARNING, IS THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE DVCSLR'S ISSUED DURING THAT PERIOD WHICH SHOWED IN SEVERAL CASES THAT ENEMY UNITS WERE INVOLVED IN MOVES TO AREAS NEAR THE POPULATED CENTERS. WHILE THIS INFORMATION WOULD NOT OF ITSELF PROVIDE A FOREWARNING, IT DID ALLOW FOR THE PREDICTION THAT SOME ACTIVITY WAS ABOUT TO BE INITIATED.

2. DURING VISIT OF PFIAB TEAM TO SVN, THEY APPEARED TO BE MOST

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CONCERNED WITH THE SYSTEM EMPLOYED TO EXPLOIT CAPTURED ENEMY DOCUMENTS, POW'S, AND RALLIERS. ADDITIONALLY, CONSIDERABLE INTEREST GENERATED AS TO THE SYSTEM EMPLOYED IN THE CONDUCT OF LIAISON WITH THE ARVN G-2, AJGS AND WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION IS REGULARLY EXCHANGED AND THE RELATIVE VALUE. OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN, NATURALLY, WAS THE SYSTEM EMPLOYED TO GET INFORMATION TO THE CORPS, FIELD FORCES, DIVISIONS AND REGIMENTS WHICH WAS AVAILABLE DURING, AND PRIOR TO THE TET OFFENSIVE.

3. NRV ~~(C)~~ REPRESENTATIVE WAS PRESENT AND PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSION FOLLOWING MACV BRIEFING. QUESTION WHICH AROSE CONCERNING THE ROLE OF SIGINT WERE CONCERNED WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF DECEPTION IN THE KHE SANH AREA: COMMUNICATIONS LEVELS: ESPECIALLY IN THE III CORPS AREA JUST PRIOR TO TET OFFENSIVE THE USE OF DELTA MATERIAL AND ITS DISTRIBUTION AND A COMPARISON OF COMMUNICATIONS DURING THIS OFFENSIVE AS COMPARED TO LEVELS NOTED PRIOR TO OTHER VC/NVN OFFENSIVES. INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE ON ALL QUESTIONS WITH EXCEPTIONS OF BEING ABLE TO COMMENT REGARDING A COMPARISON OF THIS OFFENSIVE WITH PREVIOUS ONES. HOWEVER, QUESTION WAS NOT PURSUED AND NO REQUEST WAS MADE FOR ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ANSWER.

4. CONCLUSIONS FROM CONTACT WITH TEAM ARE THAT SIGINT IS NOT THE PRIMARY REASON FOR THIS REVIEW, BUT RATHER THE SYSTEM OF COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF OTHER INTELLIGENCE AND ITS

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METHOD OF DISSEMINATION AS WELL AS THE WARNING SYSTEM IN COUNTRY TO DISSEMINATE FOREWARNING INFORMATION. DOCUMENTS EXPLOITATION APPEARED TO BE OF PRIME INTEREST, AS DID THE DEGREE OF LIAISON WITH ARVN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

5. ALTHOUGH FIRM ITINERY NEVER DEVELOPED OR FORMALIZED, INFORMATION AVAILABLE INDICATES THAT TEAM VISITED ALL FIELD FORCES AND SEVERAL DIVISIONS, AS WELL AS ARVN INTELLIGENCE AT JOINT GENERAL STAFF. US/ARVN (JOINT) DOCUMENT EXPLOITATION (CODEC) ALSO VISITED. NO US COLLECTION OR MANAGEMENT SITES WERE VISITED IN SVN.

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