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Tactical messages of 28 January exchanged between the probable Hq, PAVN B3 Front authority and the probable PAVN 1st Division element operating in the western Pleiku Province-Cambodia border area continue to discuss preparations for an impending Vietnamese Communist offensive in that area. In one message of 28 January the probable B3 Front authority stated in part, "In your work you must have collective discussions, to include Comrades PHIEN and SINH, so that the assignment which you have received above will be an example of something accomplished in a satisfactory manner. Be resourceful at P4 and P8 and at Le Thanh [13-50N 107-40E, YA 895306] regarding the two missions: to stay close to the enemy and strike the commandos who come out to search; and to aggressively fire at low-flying aircraft." In another message of 28 January the probable B3 Front authority stated, "1. Headquarters has recently observed that you comrades have carried out your mission well. 2. You are urged to coordinate with the local area to secretly set up ambushes and fire on aircraft. Recently Farmsite 1 has only searched 12 days and fired on 33 scattered aircraft including jets. 3. Criteria for presentation of medals during this phase vis-a-vis individuals and units: you are to fire at aircraft and restrict enemy artillery fire. 4. You are to make arrangements to disseminate [this information] and mobilize the men to perform meritoriously in accordance with the combat plan promulgated by Comrade CUU. 5. During the operation you must emphasize the leadership of the Party chapter committee, especially the role of the political committee members. You must be resourceful. You must fully develop your own responsibility in the political and ideological missions. Attend to strengthening the unity and determination of the troops, especially in regard to their military commanders. This is an opportunity to mold and test the character of our comrades. I hope that the unit successfully completes its mission."

Also on 28 January the probable 1st Division element reported, "The night of the 27th artillery fired heavily in the Chu Ngot and Chu Ba areas. Today there was much small arms fire in the area of Le Thanh and Sung Le. At 1400 hours [Golf] the unit moved into Chu Ngot. If there is time . . . will train . . ." To the north in the western Kontum Province area recently available messages of 26 and 27 January from the Military Intelligence Section (MIS) of the PAVN 1st Division to an unidentified and unlocated military intelligence subordinate discussed the mission of that subordinate. A message of 26 January stated, "From 25 January on, fight the Americans on the hill(s) . . . also maintain continuous day and night observation and pay special attention to the Tan Canh [14-39N 107-48E, ZB 0223] area, the airfield and the road from Tan Canh to Kontum." The message of 27 January stated, ". . . I asked you about the two (C val vehicles) which just arrived at Tan Canh. Did you receive it [i.e., the message]? Why did you not reply? As of today the assignment of you comrades . . . you must endeavor to effectively carry it out. You are to send one team back in the direction of the Po Co River to find some crossing points and then cross over and investigate the enemy position and the bridge at Dien Binh [14-37N 107-48E, ZB 0918]. The others are to . . . protect and continue to carry out the old assignment. Report your plan for implementation immediately. You are to begin to carry it out no later than 28 January and end it by 2 February." The MIS, Hq, 1st Division was last located on 22 January near 14-33N 107-32E (YB 736284) in the Kontum Province-Laos-Cambodia tri-border area.

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