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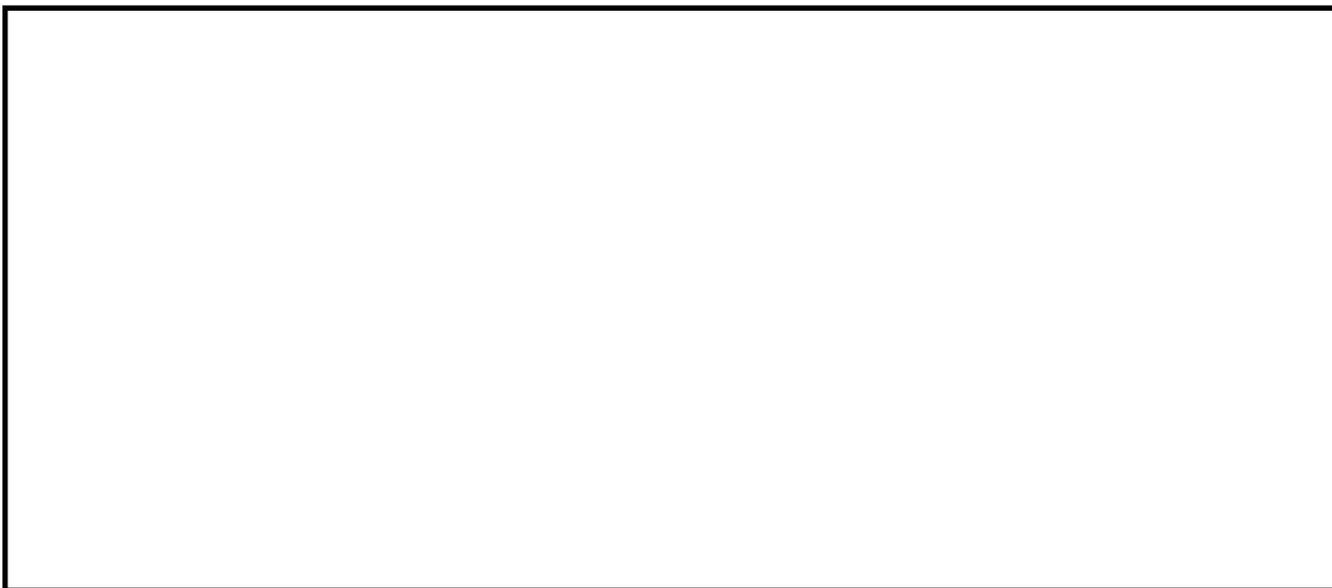
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This report summarizes developments noted throughout Southeast Asia available to NSA at time of publication on 26 January 1968. All information in this report is based entirely on SIGINT except where otherwise specifically indicated.

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SITUATION SUMMARY

SIGINT has revealed a concentration of Vietnamese Communist units in Binh Dinh Province of Military Region (MR) 5 in South Vietnam; the units involved include all the elements of the PAVN 3rd Division as well as the Hq, MR 5 Forward Tactical Element, Binh Dinh. Indications of Communist attacks in the western Pleiku Province continue to be noted in messages passed between the probable Hq, PAVN B3 Front Authority and the probable PAVN 1st Division Element. References to the current tactical situation in the Khe Sanh area were contained in communications tentatively identified as serving the Liberation News Agency.

Communications of the 27th Battalion disclosed plans for attacks against local forces and civil action teams in the DMZ area and reported that civilians would be mobilized for transportation purposes during the cease-fire.

The apparent termination of communications by the Way Station complex which served the deploying probable 304th and 320th Infantry Divisions suggests that the deployment of these units has been completed.

A series of unusual developments have been reflected in SIGINT in recent weeks which indicated that the DRV may be planning to extend its air operations over the southern part of North Vietnam. These developments include unusual MIG-21 operations in which flights were conducted as far south as Vinh, the involvement in the flights of ground control facilities possibly associated with offensive operations by the DRV Air Force and the appearance of communications pertinent to B-52 strike activity probably from Hanoi to a subordinate at Vinh.

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I. COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIA

A. MILITARY

1. Vietnamese Communist Communications - South Vietnam

Military Region 5

All elements of the PAVN 3rd Division along with Hq, MR 5 Forward Tactical Element, Binh Dinh Province, are now concentrated in the east-central coastal area of Binh Dinh in the immediate vicinity of Bong Son (14-26N 109-01E, BR 8795) and Phu My (14-10N 109-03E, BR 9067). On 25 January Hq, VC 2nd Regiment, 3rd Division, was located near 14-12N 109-12E (CR 040700) approximately 1 km from the coast and about 10 km east of its 29 December location. The Hq, 3rd Division and the possible Hq, MR 5 Forward Tactical Element, Binh Dinh, were located in the same area on 25 January near 14-13N 108-59E (BR 820730) and 14-08N 108-54E (BR 733629) respectively. The Hq, PAVN 18th Regiment and Hq, PAVN 22nd Regiment, 3rd Division were located on 16 and 23 January near 14-02N 109-05E (BR 938525) and 14-22N 109-05E (BR 931909), respectively.

In the western highlands the probable Hq, PAVN B3 Front Authority--located in the southwestern Kontum Province-Cambodia border area near 14-03N 107-22E (YA 559541) on 25 January--and the probable Hq, PAVN 1st Division Element--located near the western Pleiku Province-Cambodia border at 13-51N 107-27E (YA 641312) on the same day--continue to discuss preparations for an impending Communist offensive operation in the area. On 25 January, the probable B3 Front Authority informed the probable 1st Division element that the recent phase of the mission was relatively good; "the area for the mission is the same but the demands are greater." The probable 1st Division element was instructed to "strike the commandoes" and "fire at low-flying [aircraft].... Remain at the location and await a 15-day rice and food supplies replenishment... conduct operations in the old area." Also in a message of 24 January the probable 1st Division Element was reminded that "it is still necessary to seek advice from B3."

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Also in the Pleiku Province-Cambodia border area an unidentified associate of the B3 Front was located on 25 January in Cambodia near 13-39N 107-28E (YA 670103) about 24 km southwest of Duc Co and approximately 11 km south of its 16 December location.

In the Dak To area, continued activity involving the last two subordinates of the Military Intelligence Section (MIS), PAVN 1st Division remaining in South Vietnam was noted in two messages of 25 January. In one message, the MIS instructed one of the subordinates to do its utmost to stay in communications with the MIS "to receive orders" and to "be prepared to carry out the mission because the situation is very urgent." This subordinate is the same subordinate who, on 24 January, stated that it would be "on the move for six days." In another message the second subordinate reported to the MIS that it had crossed "the vehicle road," and that "Comrade KHANG's detachment returned on 22 January." (A KHANG previously signed messages from a third subordinate of the MIS presently located in Cambodia). The subordinate also mentioned a "K6." According to collateral, K6 is a cover designator for a battalion of the 32nd Regiment, 1st Division.

To the north in the Quang Tin-Quang Nam Province area, Hq, PAVN 2nd Division and two unidentified entities--one subordinate to Hq, MR 5 Main Force Unit Control (MFUC) and the other, two Hq, Quang Nam Provincial Unit--indicated that they were about to move on 25 January. The Hq, 2nd Division was located on 24 January in southeastern Quang Nam near 15-44N 108-09E (AT 958413). The unidentified subordinate of Hq, MR 5 MFUC was last located in the Quang Tin-Quang Nam Province border area near 15-35N 107-57E (ZC 167247) on 27 December, and the unidentified subordinate of the Quang Nam Provincial Unit, in eastern Quang Tin on 25 January near 15-44N 108-21E (BT 153290) approximately 27 km northwest of its 2 January location. On 23 January, the radio station serving the Region 5 Committee (RC-5) was located in south-central Quang Nam Province near 15-39N 107-55E (ZC 126324), approximately 15 km north of its 15 January location in northern Quang Tin Province. The probable RC-5 secondary station has also apparently moved north into Quang Nam Province. According to SIGINT it was located near 15-48N 108-05E (AT 875496) on 21 January, approximately 39 km north of its 15 January location in northern Quang Tin. SIGINT

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had previously indicated that these stations had moved north during December 1967.

Finally, an unidentified subordinate of Hq, MR 5 MFUC was initially located on 25 January in northern Phu Yen Province near 13-11N 109-08E (BQ 978581) approximately 23 km northwest of Tuy Hoa city.

(2/G12/VCM/R230-68, 251515Z; R229-68, 251415Z; R228-68, 251415Z; R227-68, 251750Z; R225-68, 251250Z; T192-68, 251210Z; T189-68, 250926Z; 3/O/STY/R14-68) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

Military Region 1

In a 25 January message to the MIS, MR 1, a subordinate-- located on 22 January in the Bien Hoa-Long Khanh Province border area--reported that "the battalion struck many times" and that Allied forces had called for air strikes and artillery. According to collateral, there was an encounter between elements of the ARVN 43rd Regiment and possibly elements of the VC 274th Regiment on 23 January in the Bien Hoa-Long Khanh border area near 10-53N 107-06E (YT 2904). This subordinate had previously been informed by the MIS, MR 1, in a 23 January message, of contact between the MIS and "X500." According to collateral, "500" is a cover designator for the 1st Battalion of the VC 274th Regiment.

In another 25 January message, the subordinate was instructed by the MIS, MR 1, to advance "20 piastres to each comrade" for New Year's preparations. The subordinate was warned to be on guard against "the enemy" breaking the New Year's truce and was instructed to review the previous year's operations in order to gain experience to overcome future difficulties.

(2/G10/VCM/T171-68, 252042Z; T160, 231547Z) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

Liberation News Agency

On 26 January communications tentatively identified as serving the Liberation News Agency (LNA) contained references to the current tactical situation in the Khe Sanh area (16-38N

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106-44E, XD 848417) of the DMZ and North Vietnamese Army intentions in the "Two Tri Thien" Provinces of South Vietnam. The report stated that an unidentified PAVN division was already concentrated around Khe Sanh and that the 325C and 304th Division were located in northwestern Quang Tri Province. The 341st Division and an unidentified unit were reportedly stationed along the DMZ. The reports indicated that these units, under the command of VO NGUYEN GIAP, were preparing a large surprise counter-attack with intent to push American forces out of Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. It was further stated that at least "16000 North Vietnamese troops" are concentrated around the positions at Khe Sanh. American troop strength at Khe Sanh was estimated at "5000 soldiers." The arrival of the 1st Air Cavalry Division at Phu Bai (16-24N 107-41E, YD 8814) was also reported. The use of 100-mm, 105-mm, and 152-mm artillery, mortars and rockets against Allied forces in the Khe Sanh and DMZ areas was reported. If this identification is valid, this marks the first time current Vietnamese Communist tactical operations have been discussed in LNA communications.

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2. DRV Communications

DMZ Area

The 7th Company, 27th Battalion, reported on 25 January that plans were being made to attack local forces and civil action teams located at Cam Giang (vicinity of 16-51N 107-06E, YD 2454), Dinh Xa (16-48N 107-03E, YD 180595), Moc Duc (16-48N 107-03E, YD 190591) and Truong Xa (16-48N 107-04E, YD 193598). Other elements of the 27th Battalion reported that during the cease-fire civilians would be mobilized for transportation purposes in addition to the movement of ammunition by troops.

Additionally, at least two companies of the 3rd Battalion, 803rd Regiment, remain active east of Gio Linh (16-56N 107-05E, YD 213732) with elements probably as far south as Ha Loi Tay (16-56N 107-10E, YD 300738).

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Finally, on 23 January an element previously associated with the PAVN 101D Regiment, and last heard on 1 November 1967, was noted in communications that mentioned Hill 595 (16-39N 106-41E, XD 825425) northwest of Khe Sanh.

(2/G11/VCM/T704-68, 251233Z; T705-68, 251232Z; T710-68, 251651Z)
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PAVN High Command

A new subordinate has been noted since 21 January on the DRV Mainline communications complex which serves forces infiltrating into South Vietnam. Neither the identity nor the location of this subordinate is known at this time, but the cryptosystem used in messages sent to the subordinate suggests that it is in South Vietnam.

Recently there has been an almost complete lack of activity on the broadcast communications serving the infiltrating forces. The only subscriber noted since 23 January in these communications has been the above-mentioned new subordinate, except for a contact with probable Hq, 304th Division on 26 January. By contrast, there has been a continuing high level of activity from Hanoi on the communications complex serving the major headquarters which are located in South Vietnam.

(2/G11/VCM/R174-68, 240401Z) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

The Way Station complex, which provided communications to the High Command for elements of the probable 304th and 320th Infantry Divisions during their deployments from North Vietnam, has been unobserved since 21 January. On that date, Way Station BRAVO was last observed while involved in message activity of the probable 320th Division. Stations ALFA, CHARLIE, DELTA and ECHO were last observed in communications on 10, 18, 23 December 1967 and 15 January 1968 respectively. The apparent termination of communications by the Way Station complex indicates that the deployments by the two divisions have been completed and their ultimate areas of operations have been reached.

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559th Transportation Group

On 17 January the tentative Hq, 71st Transportation Regiment was observed sending seven messages to a 559th-associated terminal (Unit 30) in a system primarily associated with PAVN B3 Front entities.

Unit 30, which communicates with Station 70 and possibly Hq, 559th Transportation Group, was last located on 7 January in the vicinity of 16-52N 106-24E (XD 509665). The tentative Hq, 71st Transportation Regiment was last located on 20 January near 15-46N 106-10E (XC 980472).

Elsewhere, message activity on the link between the A Shau Valley Rear Services Headquarters and Unit 32 observed at normal levels--two to three messages per day--from 14 to 21 January, showed a marked increase from 22 through 24 January. During this period, at least 27 messages were transmitted by the unidentified subordinate to the headquarters.

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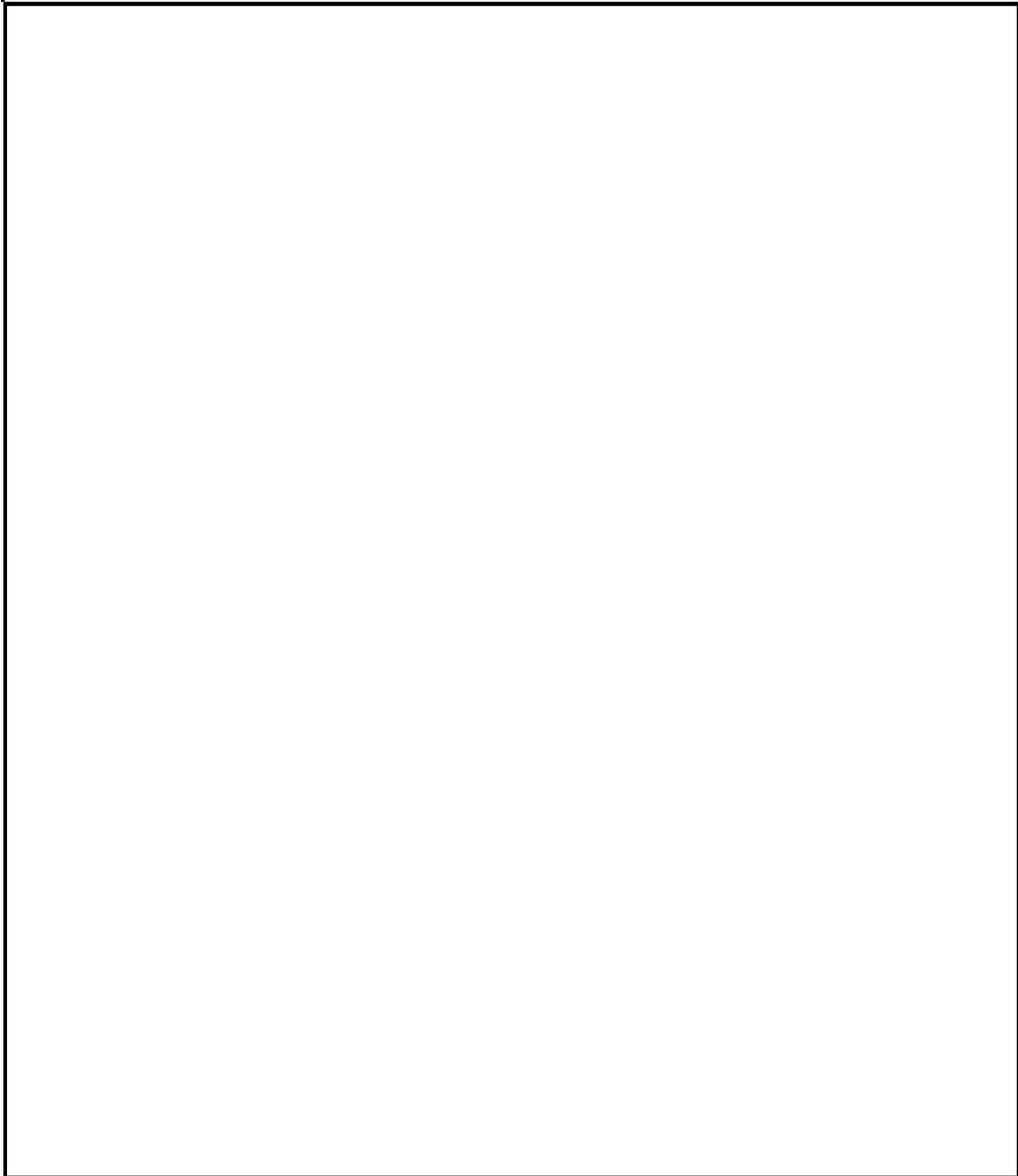
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