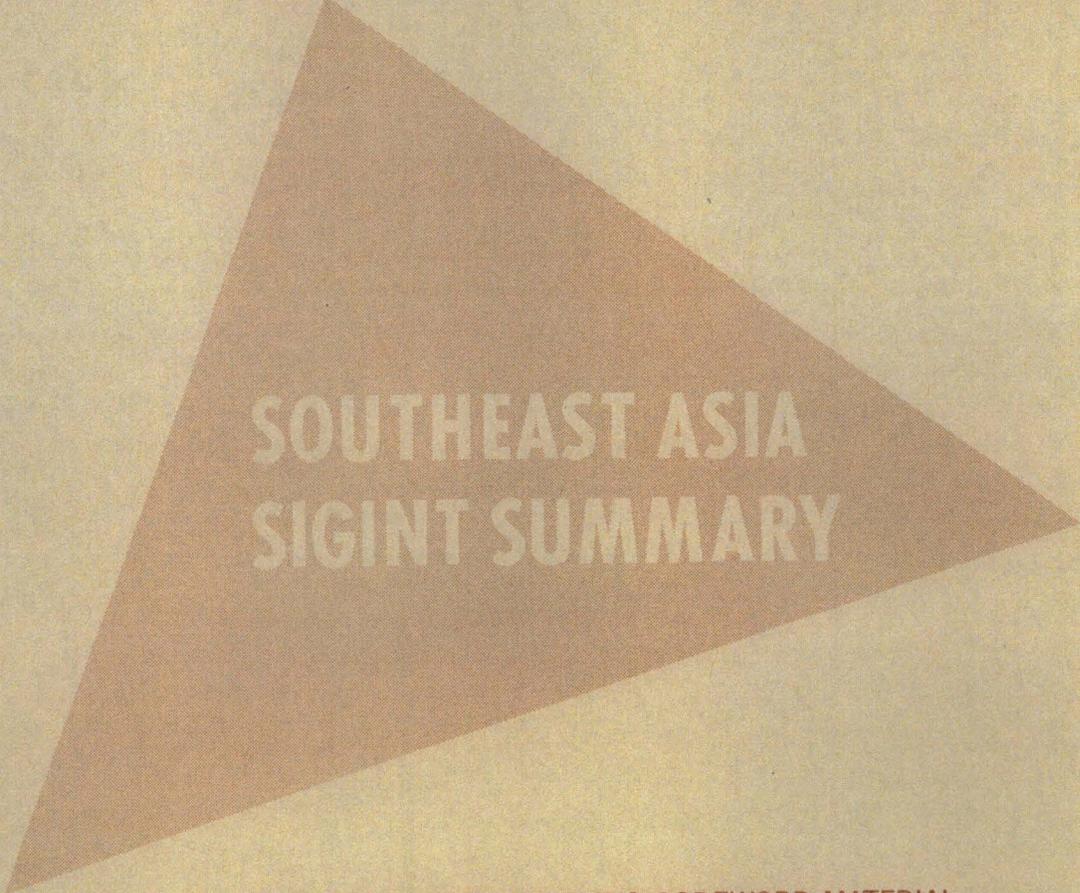


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LATE ITEM

Military Region 1/4

On 4 February the tentatively identified Hq, PAVN 7th Division Forward Element and an unidentified military radio station that may be associated with the tentative Hq, 7th Division were located in central Binh Duong Province at 11-17N 106-41E (XT 826480) and 11-16N 106-36E (XT 735455), respectively. Both entities had moved approximately 50 km southeast from their previous locations in northeastern Tay Ninh Province. Two unidentified terminals of a communications link-historically located near the tentative 7th Division and its forward element--also redeployed to the same area of central Binh Duong between early December when they were located in the Binh Long-Tay Ninh-Cambodia border area and 4 February when the control authority was located at 11-12N 106-41E (XT 834375) and the subordinate at 11-16N 106-43E (XT 871446). The tentative Hq, PAVN 7th Division was last located on 19 January in northeastern Tay Ninh Province at 11-36N 106-20E (XT 460818).

A SIGINT location obtained on 5 February suggests that the Hq, VC 9th Light Infantry Division may have relocated to 10-53N 106-41E (XT 822029) approximately 2 km north of the northern city limit of Saigon. This latest location is about 125 km south of the headquarters' last location in Cambodia near the Phuoc Long Province border on 30 January.

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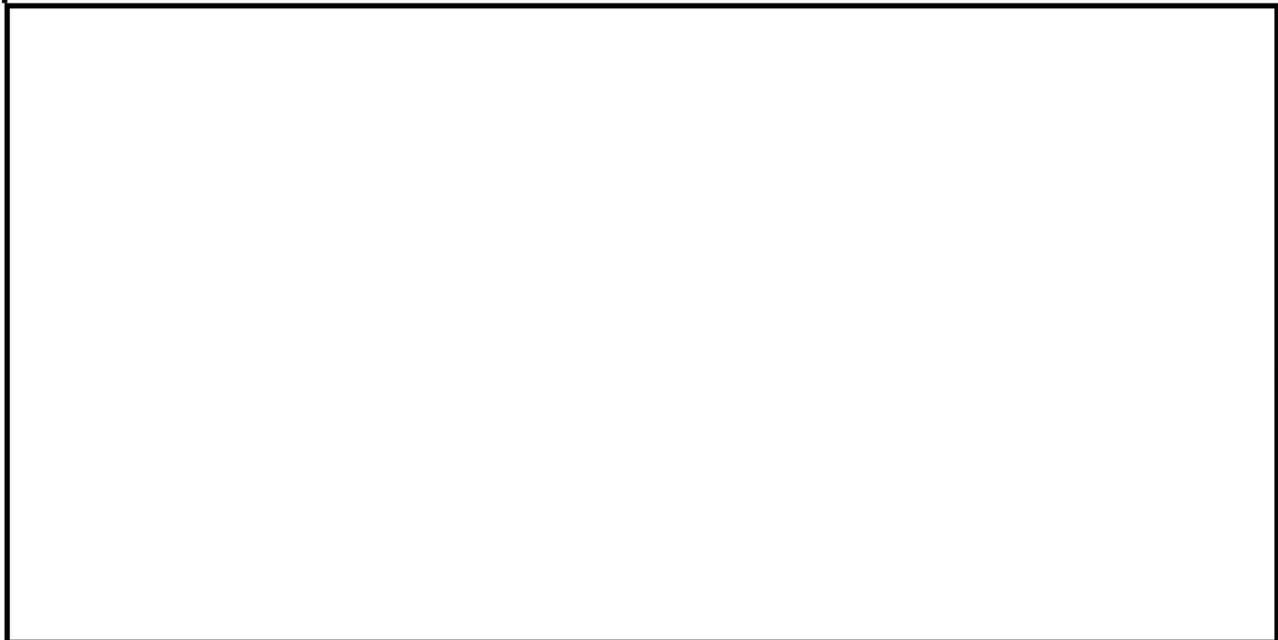
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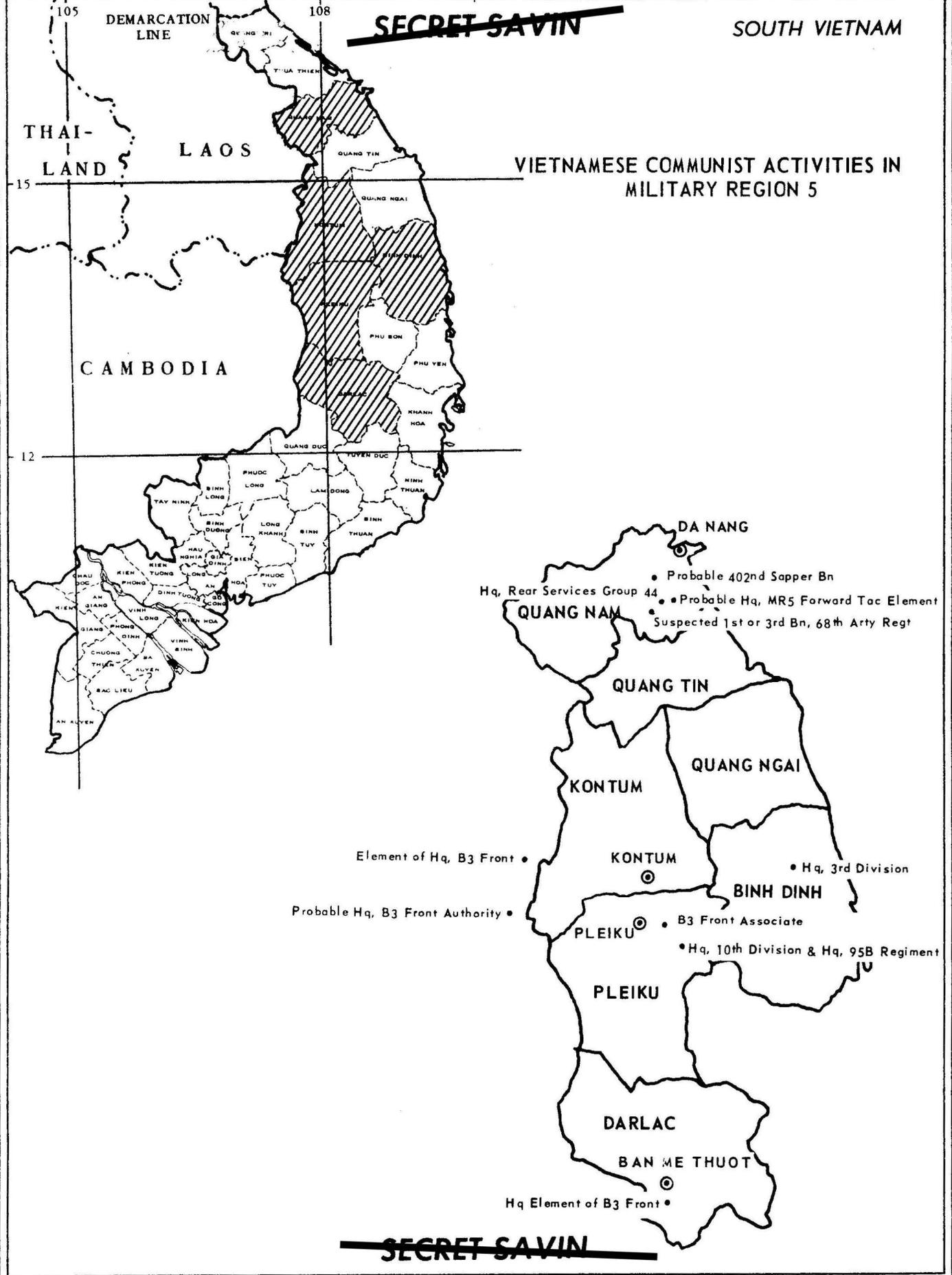
In Military Region (MR 5) of South Vietnam, minor relocations were accomplished by several elements in the western highlands. In Quang Nam Province, both the probable Hq, VC 402nd Sapper Battalion and the Hq, MR 5 Forward Tactical Element, Quang Nam Province, reflected contact with Allied forces.

To the south, a possible element of the Hq, VC 5th Light Infantry Division located in Bien Hoa Province sent messages discussing the urgent transport of ammunition and the movement of personnel and ordering an attack on the runways of an airfield.



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I. COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIA

A. MILITARY

1. Vietnamese Communist Communications - South Vietnam

Military Region 5

Activity in the western highlands was highlighted on 4 February by minor moves of several elements operating in the Kontum-Pleiku-Darlac Province area. In Pleiku Province the probable Hq, PAVN 95B Regiment was located on 4 February near 13-55N 108-14E (BR 009368) approximately 23 km southeast of Pleiku city and about 18 km southeast of its 30 January location. The Hq, PAVN 10th Division was last located in this same vicinity on 3 February. In the same area, an unidentified entity associated with the PAVN B3 Front was located on 4 February near 14-00N 108-05 (AR 846490) approximately 7 km southeast of Pleiku city and about 10 km south-southeast of its 3 February location.

To the south in Darlac Province an element of Hq, PAVN B3 Front was located on 4 February near 12-36N 108-01E (AP 763936) about 8 km southwest of Ban Me Thuot and approximately 24 km north-northeast of its 15 January location.

Finally, in the Kontum Province-Cambodia border area an element of the Hq, B3 Front was located on 4 February near 14-25N 107-23E (YA 578952) approximately 48 km southwest of Dak To and about 30 km south-southeast of its 8 January position. On the same date, the probable Hq, B3 Front Authority, which has been involved with activity in the western Pleiku Province area since mid-January, was located near 14-02N 107-20E (YA 533529) about 17 km west of its 3 February location and about 30 km west of Plei Djereng.

In the eastern Quang Nam Province area, the probable Hq, VC 402nd Sapper Battalion, located on 3 February near 15-58N 108-03E (AT 847668), indicated on 4 February that it was engaged in combat and requested that close communications be maintained. On this same date, the radio station tentatively identified as serving the

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1st or 3rd Battalion, PAVN 68th Artillery Regiment, last located on 2 February near 15-42N 108-01E (AT 809386), indicated that it was about to move. In this same area on 5 February, the Hq, MR 5 Forward Tactical Element, Quang Nam Province, reported that it was in a difficult situation, surrounded and about to move. This element was last located on 2 February near 15-47N 108-07E (AT 918461). In other activity in this area an unidentified subordinate of Hq, Rear Services Group 44 was located on 4 February near 15-48N 108-03E (AT 851478) approximately 31 km southwest of Hoi An and about 13 km northeast of its 29 January location.

Meanwhile, in central Binh Dinh Province, a Hq, PAVN 3rd Division terminal was located on 4 February near 14-16N 108-49E (BR 823777) about 48 km northeast of An Khe and approximately 12 km north of its 2 February position.

(2/G12/VCM/R362-68, 050440Z; R361-68, ....Z; R360-68, 042055Z; R359-68, 042013Z; R358-68, 041509Z; R354-68, 041215Z; R353-68, 041155Z; R352-68, 041100Z; R350-68, 040840Z) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

#### Military Region 1/10

On 4 February, the possible Tay Ninh Provincial Unit was located in southwestern Tay Ninh Province at 11-09N 106-03E (XT 150325), approximately 20 km southeast of its 30 January position near Tay Ninh city.

Between 13 and 31 January, a control authority--tentatively identified as Hq, COSVN Rear Services Group 84--relocated from northern Phuoc Tuy Province to the Phuoc Tuy-Bien Hoa Province border area at 10-36N 107-06E (YS 298735). Also, between 14 December and 4 February, an unidentified terminal which has been active since early October 1967 in the same area of Phuoc Tuy relocated to 10-36N 107-07E (YS 322724). The present locations of these elements are near the previous location of one of the unidentified subordinates of the tentative Group 84 headquarters. The Military Affairs Section (MAS) of COSVN continued to send messages of an urgent nature on 3 February, when six messages of this type--specifically addressed to Hq, MR 2 and the possible Hq, MR 10--were observed on the broadcast facility.

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On 4 February, MAS COSVN received 31 messages from Hq, PAVN B3 Front. Additionally, preliminary information indicates that the possible PAVN Headquarters, Tchepone, Laos attempted to contact MAS COSVN on 1 and 2 February. No previous communications between these two headquarters have been observed.

Additional messages passed on 3 February by a possible element of the Hq, VC 5th Light Infantry Division (LID)--located on 3 February at 10-59N 106-58E (YT 145168)--to an unidentified and unlocated entity, discussed the transportation of ammunition and the movement of personnel. One of these messages stated in part: "Use the Third Battalion to transport ammunition so that your element can attack continuously. Send people back to the north of the Song Be River to transport ammunition right away. When you get the ammunition, attack immediately. Struggle to attack as early [as possible] before 5 February. The mission has been changed to harassment and encirclement. Use sporadic shelling by the artillery battery to fire on the runways of the airfield." The "Third Battalion" cited in this message may be a subordinate of Hq, VC 274th Regiment. Other messages of 3 February sent by this element of the 5th LID discussed an impending VC attack on or near Bien Hoa Airbase.

(3/0/STY/R27-68, 312240Z; R30-68, 042204Z; 2/G10/VCM/R206-68, 041155Z; T207-68, 040340Z; 2/O/VCM/R43-68, 301810Z; 2/G10/VCJ/R034-68, 041740Z) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

### Military Region 2

On 4 February the tentative My Tho Provincial Unit was located in north-central Dinh Tuong Province at 10-26N 106-09E (XS 256530), approximately 12 km east of its 28 January position.

On the same date a radio station serving the Long An Provincial Committee (LAPC) was located at 10-52N 106-29E (XT 609019) approximately 35 km east of its previous location on 24 January. Recent SIGINT indicates that a subordinate of the LAPC was located at 10-33N 106-34E (XS 688715) on 2 February, approximately 12 km north of its 25 January location. This station was originally identified as the LAPC.

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Elsewhere, message activity between alternate Hq, MR 2 and its main force unit subordinates was high during the past month, but no activity was observed on 4 February. This decrease in activity, coupled with the relocations of an element of alternate Hq, MR 2 and the suspected Hq, VC 261st Battalion--both into eastern Dinh Tuong Province on 2 and 1 February respectively, could be related to recent VC tactical activities in Dinh Tuong Province. Message activity between alternate Hq, MR 2 and its provincial unit subordinates has also decreased since 2 February.

(2/G10/VCM/R57-68, 041758Z; R047-68, 021725Z; 2/G10/VCJ/R34-68, 041740Z; 3/O/STY/R30-68) (SECRET SAVIN)

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2. DRV Communications

DMZ Area

On 4 February the Hq, 803rd Regiment was located in the vicinity of 16-59N 107-06E (YD 236779) approximately 19 km east of its 13 January location in the vicinity of 16-57N 106-56E (YD 056750). This location is in the vicinity of the tactical area of responsibility of its battalion subordinates, which have been engaged in tactical activities in the Gio Ling-coastal area of northeastern Quang Tri Province. Low-level communications of the regiment on 4 February suggested that a possible further move of the headquarters from its present location to the west Lam Xuan area (16-54N 107-07E, YD 268699) is imminent. A message on that date disclosed plans for a platoon to block High Point 0.9 (probably 16-54N 107-09E, YD 287682) and the west Lam Xuan area "so that the regimental headquarters can be there."

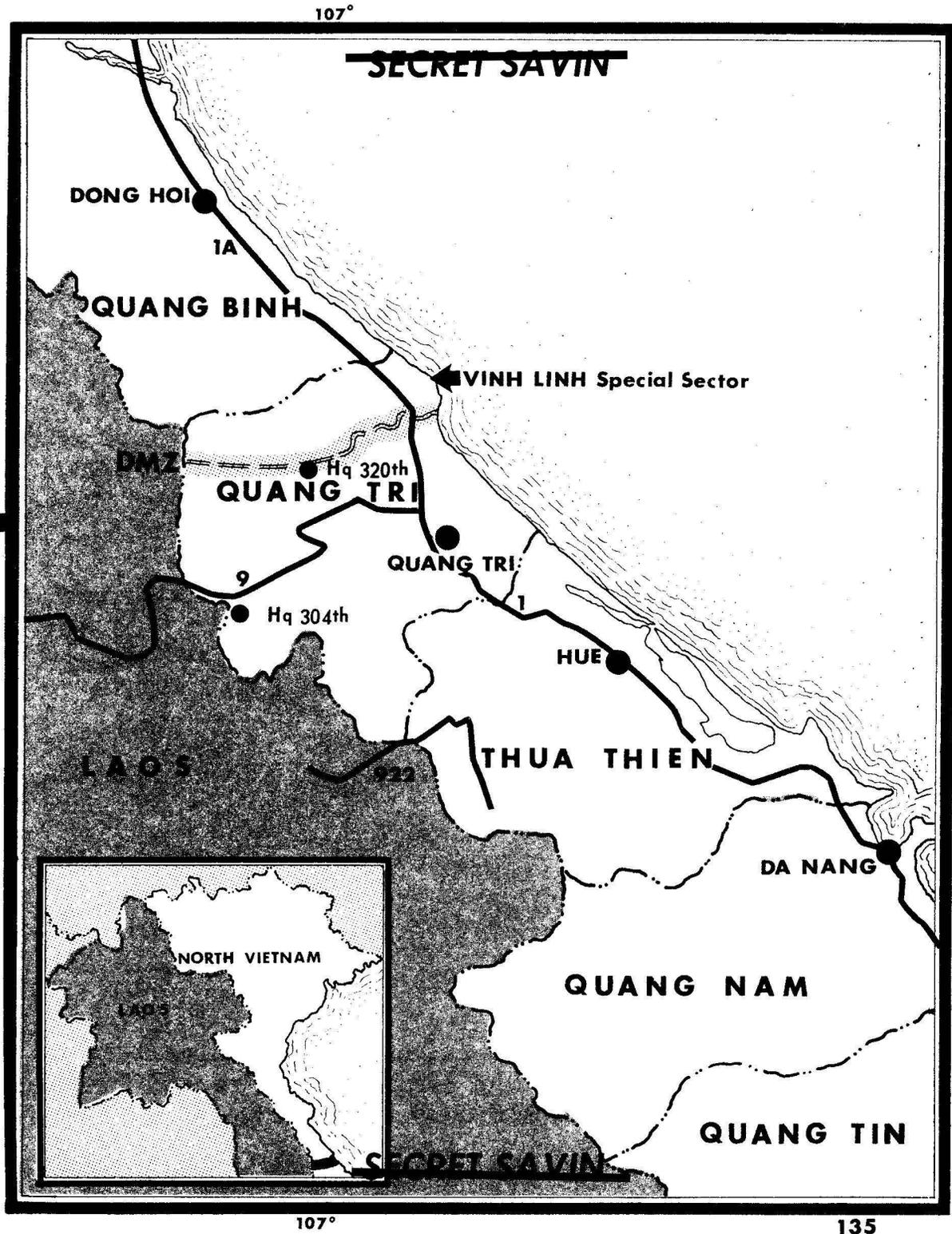
The possible artillery regiment subordinate to the PAVN 304th Division was located in the vicinity of 16-35N 106-38E (XD 740335) on 4 February. This subordinate was last located in the vicinity of 16-32N 106-43E (XD 841289) on 2 February.

On 4 February the 7th Company of the 27th Independent Battalion reported killing seven Americans and destroying one GMC truck in an attack on Route 1. On the same date, another element of the 27th Battalion attacked an American company travelling between Tam Hiep (16-49N 107-01E, YD 150605) and Lam Lang (16-49N 107-03E, YD 182605). This element reported killing 11 Americans and capturing weapons and ammunition.

On 2 and 3 February the possible 8th Battalion, 29th Regiment, was observed in communications with the Hq, PAVN 325C Division. Communications between these entities have not been noted since April 1967. The 8th Battalion was last located on 21 January in the vicinity of 16-41N 106-41E (XD 793453).

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PAVN High Command

On 5 February PAVN High Command was initially noted sending messages to Hq, 304th and 320th Infantry Divisions on the broadcast facility linking Hanoi with the major headquarters in or associated with South Vietnam. Three messages of "most urgent" precedence were observed being sent to Hq, 320th Division on that date. In the past, the headquarters and subordinate elements of both divisions have appeared on the High Command broadcast facility serving units/personnel infiltrating through Laos into South Vietnam. Hq, 304th Division was last noted on this facility on 2 February and Hq, 320th Division on 4 February. SIGINT last located Hq, 304th Division on 29 January in the vicinity of 16-33N 106-44E (XD 853307) and Hq, 320th Division on 2 February in the vicinity of 16-50N 106-53E (YD 047635).

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Military Region 4

Since approximately 1 February, all but two of the approximately 15 subordinates of the Hq, MR 4 Air Defense Command Post (ADCP) have been noted in normal communications. From 21 January through approximately 1 February, 5 of the 15 subordinates were not observed in communications with the headquarters. In addition, three of the four entities subordinate to both Hq, MR 4 ADCP and the ADCP Forward (colocated with the DMZ Front) resumed normal communications with both headquarters after not being observed since 21 February. The fourth subordinate of both headquarters has been in communications with Hq, ADCP, but was last noted in communications with the forward headquarters on 27 January. The reason for this unusual activity is unknown.

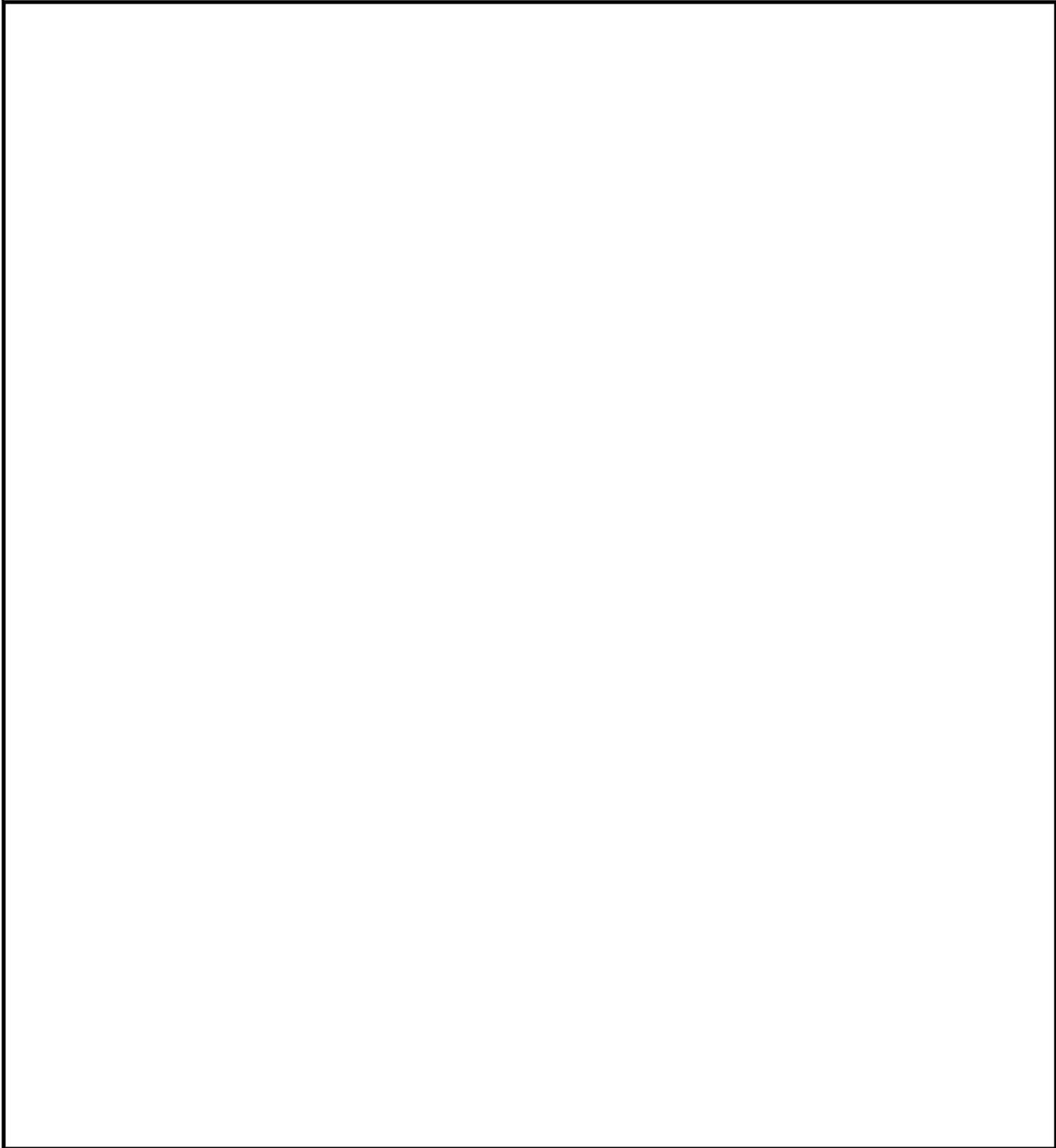
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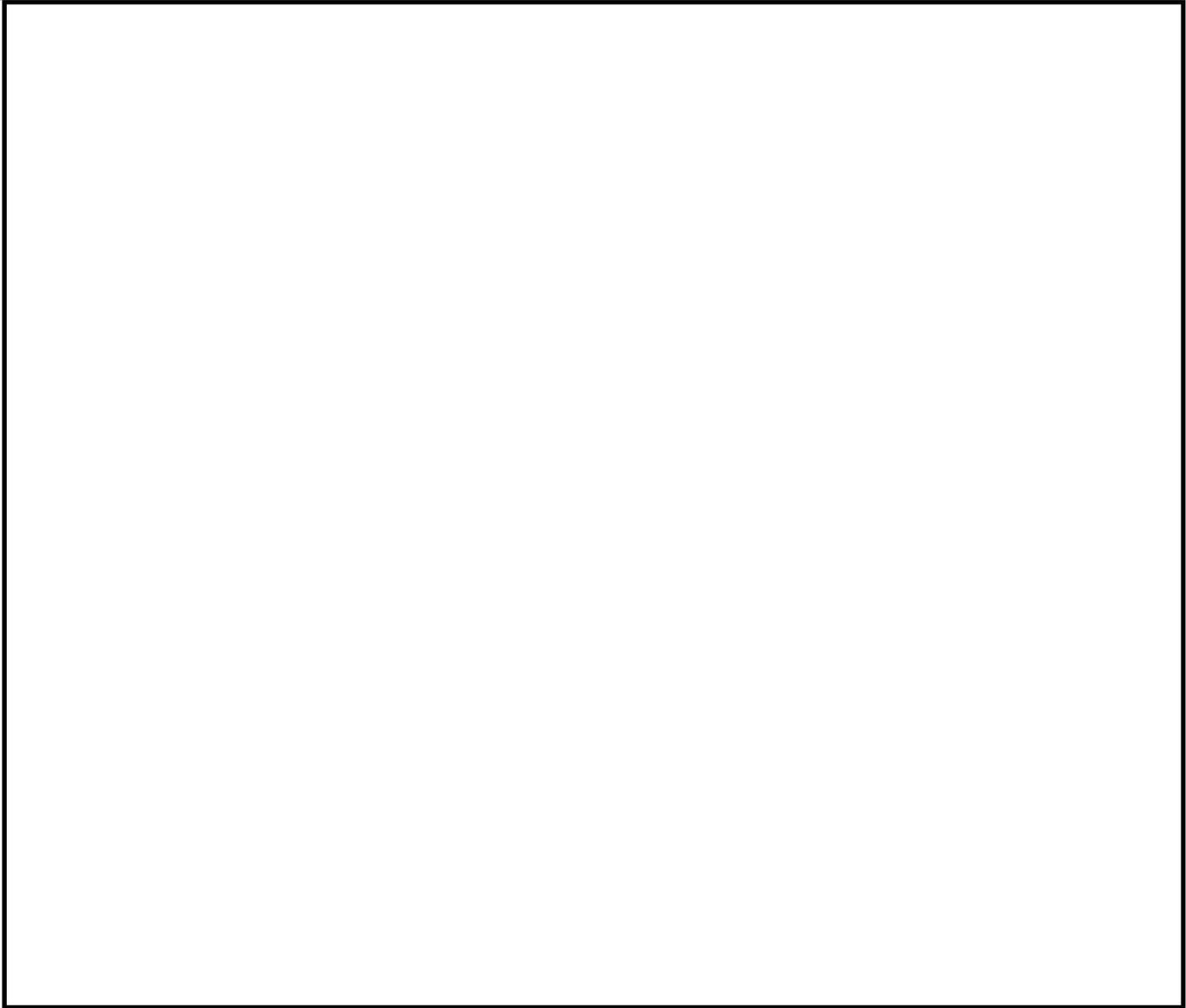
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