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Recent SIGINT information indicates that "N-Day" of the impending Vietnamese Communist offensive operation in Military Region (MR) 5 area of South Vietnam may commence on 29 January or shortly thereafter. On 27 January, messages of the Hq, MR 5 Main Force Unit Control instructed various military subordinates operating in the coastal province area of the region, including: Hq, PAVN 2nd and 3rd Divisions; the probable Hq, 2nd Division Forward Element; Hq, PAVN 21st Regiment, 2nd Division; and Hq, Rear Services Group 44, to commence communications on additional schedules with Hq, MR 5 beginning on 29 January. Communications alerts of this nature have been noted in the past prior to Vietnamese Communist offensive operations. Since the recipients of these instructions included major military units operating in different areas of the coastal provinces of MR 5, it is possible that the indicated communications alert is to occur just prior to or on the impending "N-Day" mentioned in recent MR 5 communications.

Additionally, the probable Hq, PAVN 1st Division element operating in the western Pleiku Province-Cambodia border area reported to the probable Hq, PAVN B3 Front authority operating in the same area, "on (C val 27) January the unit crossed the river safely and went to a point two hours away from the river. We are making combat readiness preparations and are preparing dry provisions so that we can move the troops in on 28 January."