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In a 1 February message the Military Intelligence Section (MIS), Hq, PAVN 1st Division operating in the western Kontum Province area ordered a subordinate located by SIGINT on 28 January near 14-47N 107-41E (YB 894361) to bring the troops back to receive a new assignment from "Comrade DOI [DOOIS] the assistant commander of the 3rd Regiment." An earlier message had indicated that the rendezvous point was to be in the Ngoc Tu (14-42N 107-48E, ZB 018259) area. ¹

In a 1 February message from the MIS to another subordinate, located by SIGINT on 27 January near 14-34N 107-47E (YB 996120), the MIS said that Communist forces had taken control of Tan Canh (14-39N 107-48E, ZB 0223) at 0300 hours (Golf) on 1 February and "are getting ready to attack the counterattacking forces." This subordinate reported on 1 February that Allied forces had shelled Ru Cam Hong (unlocated) but asserted "the men are still safe."

A 1 February message from the probable Hq, PAVN 1st Division element, last located on 31 January near 13-57N 107-28E (YA 675432) in the Pleiku-Kontum-Cambodia tri-border area, to the probable Hq, PAVN B3 Front authority provided a "report for 1 February" which discussed the performance of the men in combat During operations, when the assault troops have had to lie on the ground because of air and artillery bombardment, they have been calm, especially the comrades of 101, the reconnaissance personnel and the comrades who have seen combat; however, a small number have displayed reluctance. . . ." The message went on to indicate that the current Communist offensive may be a multi-phased operation. "...the real authority of the party chapter committee and the health have been better during this phase than during the previous one In comparison we realize that this phase has been more highly regarded by the men and cadre"

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