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17. (Cont) South Vietnam:

MAC V reports that VC activities during the past 24-48 hours were highlighted by a company-size attack in Binh Dinh province. The attacking force assaulted a village office but was pursued by a ranger company.

In other areas, the VC continued their usual program of harassing strategic hamlets and terrorizing village populations with threats plus enforced propaganda lectures. MAC V points out the rather low number of VC initiated activities for the past two days does not indicate a descending trend, as the dearth of reported incidents was probably due to reduced activities of government reporting echelons because of the national holiday, Tran Hung Dao Day, on 7 October.

In other developments, a 6 October broadcast by the Vietnamese language Liberation Broadcasting station referred to a US technician captured last July, indicating he was well, had repented for supporting the US aggressors, and had petitioned the National Front for the liberation of South Vietnam for his release. Ambassador Lodge suggests the broadcast may indicate the communists are preparing to release the technician.

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