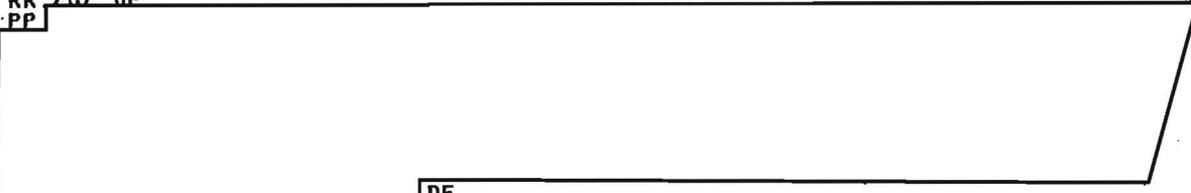


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~~TOP SECRET TRINE SECTION ONE XXMMENR01-TD07010 3/01 R06-68 NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC THIS REPORT SUMMARIZES DEVELOPMENTS NOTED THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA AVAILABLE TO NSA AT TIME OF PUBLICATION ON 07 JANUARY 1968. ALL INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS BASED ENTIRELY ON SIGINT EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY INDICATED. SITUATION SUMMARY IN SOUTH VIETNAM, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INCREASED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE REGIMENTAL SUBORDINATES OF THE PAVN 2ND DIVISION AND THE DIVISION'S POSSIBLE FORWARD ELEMENT HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITY IN THE QUANG NAM- QUANG TIN PROVINCE BORDER AREA OF MILITARY REGION (MR) 5. IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA, IMPENDING MOVES WERE REPORTED BY THE HQ, MR 5 MAIN FORCE UNIT CONTROL AND A SUBORDINATE OF THE PROBABLE QUANG NAM PROVINCIAL UNIT. PLANS FOR A VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ATTACK ON 4 JANUARY WERE REVEALED IN A MESSAGE PASSED BETWEEN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SUBORDINATES OF THE PAVN 1ST DIVISION IN WESTERN KONTUM PROVINCE. SIGINT INDICATES THAT A RADIO STATION LOCATED NEAR THE CAMBODIA-TAY NINH-DINH LONG PROVINCE BORDER OF MR 1, MAY SERVE THE PROBABLE HQ, VIET CONG (VC) 272ND REGIMENT, VC 9TH LIGHT INFANTRY DIVISION. IN THE DMZ AREA, RECONNAISSANCE BY ELEMENTS OF THE PAVN 325C DIVISION AND THE RESUPPLY OF THE POSSIBLE 812TH REGIMENT CONTINUE TO BE REFLECTED IN SIGINT. THE SUSPECT INFANTRY REGIMENT OF THE PAVN 304TH DIVISION -- LOCATED IN HA TINH PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM, IN JULY 1967 -- IS DEPLOYING SOUTHWARD AND WAS LOCATED IN LAOS ON 6 JANUARY. ALSO IN LAOS THE MOVEMENT OF PROBABLE NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS HAS BEEN REPORTED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT OF A PAVN ENGINEER REGIMENT LOCATED IN LAOS. ON 6 JANUARY SIGINT REVEALED THAT A U.S. F-105 WAS SHOT DOWN BY A KOREAN-PILOTTED MIG-21, POSSIBLY AS THE RESULT OF A COORDINATED EFFORT WITH KOREAN-PILOTTED MIG-17. THE SAME MESSAGE ALSO REPORTED THAT KEP AIRFIELD HAD BEEN BOMBED AND THAT THE CONDITION OF THE FIELD WAS "BAD." IN LAOS A PAVN REGIMENT CONSISTED OF THREE BATTALIONS AND TWO COMPANIES HAS BEEN REPORTED IN THE AREA SOUTH OF THE MU GIA PASS. I. COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIA A. MILITARY 1. VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST COMMUNICATIONS - SOUTH VIETNAM MILITARY REGION 5 IN THE QUANG NAM-QUANG TIN PROVINCE BORDER AREA, DEVELOPMENTS WERE HIGHLIGHTED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HOURLY RADIO SCHEDULES BETWEEN THE POSSIBLE HQ, PAVN 2ND DIVISION FORWARD ELEMENT AND THE REGIMENTS SUBORDINATE TO THE 2ND DIVISION, BEGINNING ON 6 JANUARY. IN THIS SAME AREA, THE UNIDENTIFIED REAR SERVICES HEADQUARTERS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- LOCATED NEAR 15-44N 107-59E, (ZC 194413)~~

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ON 4 JANUARY -- INFORMED A SUBORDINATE THAT IT WAS IN COMBAT AND REQUESTED THE MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE COMMUNICATIONS CONTACT. THE HQ, MR 5 MAIN FORCE UNIT CONTROL, MEANWHILE, INDICATED ON 6 JANUARY THAT IT WAS ABOUT TO MOVE. THIS UNIT WAS LOCATED BY SIGINT NEAR THE QUANG NAM-QUANG TIN BORDER AT 15-34N 107-57E (ZC 155245) ON 6 JANUARY. A SUBORDINATE OF THE PROBABLE QUANG NAM PROVINCIAL UNIT REPORTED ON 6 JANUARY THAT IT TOO WAS ABOUT TO RELOCATE, POSSIBLY FROM ITS LAST SIGINT LOCATION IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TIN NEAR 15-32N 108-22E (BT 180174). IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, ON 5 JANUARY THE QUANG NGAI PROVINCIAL UNIT -- LOCATED ON 21 DECEMBER AT 15-04N 108-40E (BS 502650) -- INFORMED THE HQ, MR 5 PROVINCIAL UNIT CONTROL THAT IT WAS SURROUNDED. FARTHER SOUTH IN KONTUM PROVINCE, THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION OF THE PAVN 1ST DIVISION WAS NOTIFIED BY A SUBORDINATE IN A MESSAGE ON 4 JANUARY THAT "ON THE MORNING OF 4 JANUARY WE WILL PREPARE THE 82 ((MM)) IMPLACEMENT AND, BARRING ANY OBSTACLES, WILL OPEN FIRE ON THE AIRFIELD AT ABOUT 1700 ((1000))." THE MESSAGE WAS INTERCEPTED 19 MINUTES AFTER THE ANNOUNCED TIME FOR THE PROPOSED ATTACK. SIGINT LOCATED THE SUBORDINATE ON 27 DECEMBER IN WESTERN KONTUM IN THE VICINITY OF 14-35N 107-40E (YB 871121). IN THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS, THE PROBABLE HQ, PAVN 95B REGIMENT WAS LOCATED IN EASTERN PLEIKU PROVINCE NEAR 14-12N 108-18E (DR 090690) ON 5 JANUARY, 38 KM NORTHEAST OF PLEIKU CITY AND 10 KM EAST OF ITS 3 JANUARY POSITION. LATER ON 5 JANUARY, AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE PAVN B3 FRONT WAS LOCATED IN EAST-CENTRAL PLEIKU NEAR 14-13N 108-02E (AR 803720), 12 KM SOUTHWEST OF ITS 29 DECEMBER LOCATION AND 17 KM SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF KONTUM CITY. (27G12/VCM/R061-68, 061948Z. R060-68, 061625Z. R058-68, 061337Z. R057-68, 052228Z. R054-68, 051514Z. R053-68, 050940Z. R052-68, 050745Z. T045-68, 041403Z) (SECRET SAVIN) MILITARY REGION 1 XXIII 900 NNNN

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