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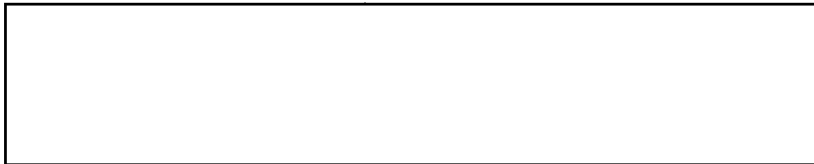
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According to a cadre of the Training and Propaganda Section of BEN TRE Province VC Committee, many things of important nature will take place in the first half-year of 1968:

- Politically, the VC will make a deep and wide propaganda under the form of study sessions that President NGUYEN VAN THIEU will agree with the NLFSEN on the establishment of a neutral coalition government, and that Vice-President NGUYEN CAO KY is more and more encroaching upon President THIEU's authority and is purging the latter's backers from the armed forces as well as from civil agencies.

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the
They anticipated that sooner or later/strife
between THieu and KN camps will burst out openly into a coup
d'etat.

They also said the U.S. is about to conclude an
agreement with the North VN government.

- Militarily, there will be more ferocities in
1968 with large-scale battles in the demilitarized zone and on
the Cambodian border.

They will intensify military actions directly
against U.S. forces with a view to minimizing the prestige of
President Johnson by providing grounds for a more vigorous
movement of protest against the VN war by the opposition elem
in the U.S. continued.

They declared prior to coming to the conference
table they have to seize some important U.S. bases to shatter the
U.S. hope of occupying South VN. They guessed that, influenced
by speculations on peace negotiation, the US troops will lose their
fighting spirit as the French troops previously.

They will boast before the world about their
"Negotiations on the basis of victory and honor of the winners".

- In the military proselyting respect, they will
spread the news on the case of district chief HUU and a number of
civil servants of BINH DAI (KHEM HOA) who were arrested and are
likely to be sentenced to death by the Military Court. They will
appeal to RVN officers, soldiers, and other personnel to soon
come back to their side taking the case mentioned above as an
obvious example.

Source added, VC sappers and secret guerrillas
in the outskirts of the province town, and legal associations such
as University Student Union, Youths League, High-School Students
Group, etc. all have received word to be armed and ready to attack
policemen and security sections in urban areas.

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