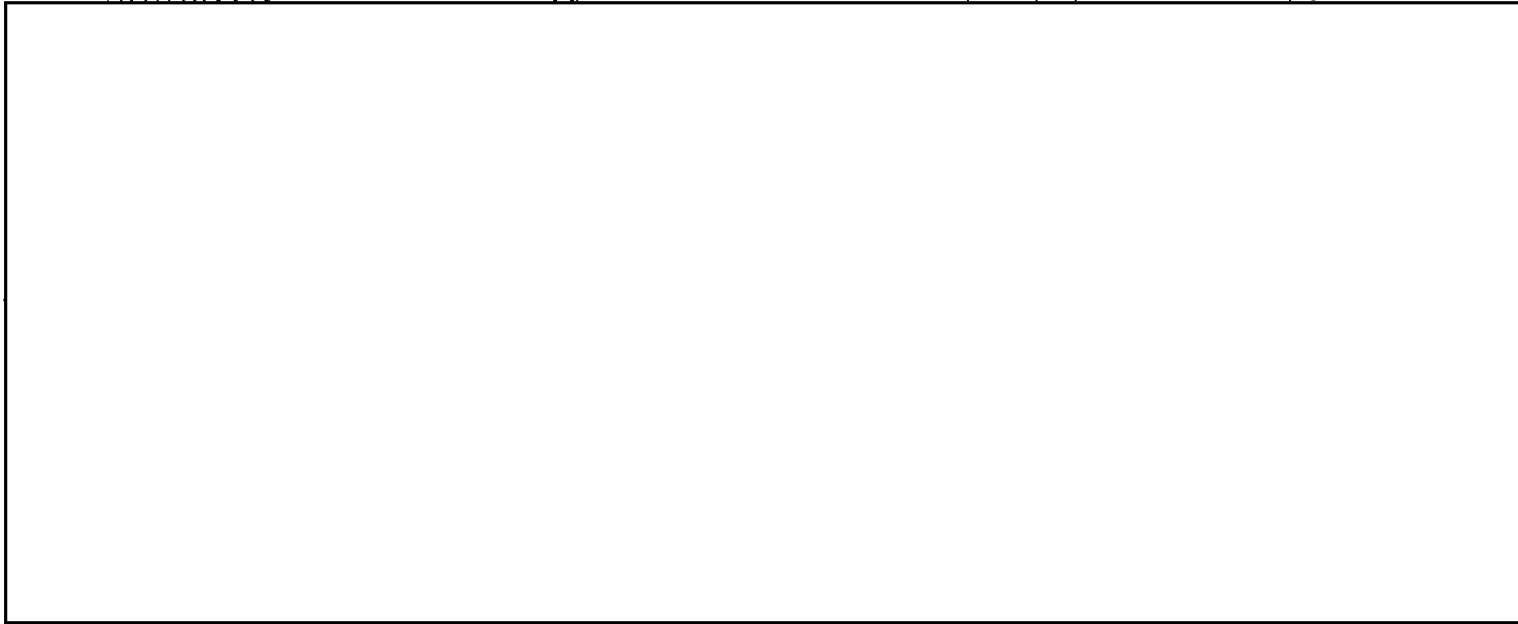


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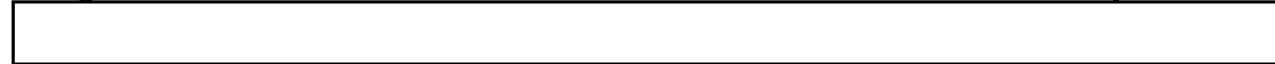
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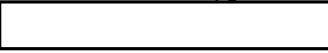


1. AS YOU PROBABLY AWARE, FOR PAST TWO YEARS SENIOR WORKING LEVEL WASHINGTON INTERAGENCY COORDINATION ON VIETNAMESE MATTERS HAS BEEN EFFECTED THROUGH RATHER INFORMAL GROUP CALLED BUNDY COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS ASSISTANT OR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL CIVILIAN AND TWO/THREE STAR MILITARY REPRESENTATION FROM STATE, OFFICE OF SECDEF, ISA, JOINT STAFF (SACSA), WHITE HOUSE STAFF, <sup>US</sup> ~~NSA~~ AND, WHEN AID MATTERS ARISE, USAID. GROUP TRADITIONALLY CHAIRED BY BUNDY OR, IN HIS ABSENCE, HABIB, FOR WHOM CALHOUN NOW SUBBING AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING.

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THIS GROUP IS NOW ON THE VERGE OF BEING GIVEN THE MORE FORMAL STATUS OF AN AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE UNDER THE NSC.

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to  2. IN LIGHT OF CURRENT INDICATORS OF POSSIBLE TET ATTACKS,

DECISION RECENTLY TAKEN THAT SHOULD COMMUNISTS MOUNT MAJOR OFFENSIVE, BUNDY GROUP WILL GO INTO CONTINUOUS SESSION AS A SENIOR WATCH COMMITTEE, REVIEWING SITUATION, MAKING ANY DECISIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE CABINET LEVEL OR PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL, AND PASSING UP THE LINE COLLECTIVELY (WITH RECOMMENDATIONS) ANY DECISIONS THAT DO REQUIRE HIGHER OR HIGHEST LEVEL ACTION. IT WAS FURTHER DECIDED ON 14 FEBRUARY THAT SHOULD SITUATION REQUIRE BUNDY GROUP TO MOVE INTO WATCH COMMITTEE MODE, GROUP WILL CONVENE IN AND OPERATE FROM  OFFICE IN HQS.

3. ABOVE IS PASSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND SO YOU WILL KNOW WHERE WASHINGTON PLAYERS ARE LOCATED IF THE NOISE LEVEL IN VIETNAM MOUNTS SHARPLY. WE WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY IF AND WHEN WATCH COMMITTEE FUNCTION ACTUALLY ASSUMED AND GROUP SO CONVENE. IN SUCH AN EVENT, WE WILL NEED THE KIND OF SAIGON AND REGIONAL (ROIC) SITREP REPORTING THAT  STATION

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TO [SO MANY POINTS AT TET, IN MAY AND IN AUGUST. THESE WILL REMAIN CONTINGENCY PLANS UNLESS OR UNTIL THE SITUATION IN SAIGON (OR THE WASHINGTON VIEW THEREOF) WARRANTS THEIR ACTIVATION.

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