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SUBJECT 1. Viet Minh Preparations for Counteroffensive in the Hanoi Area
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1. The full-scale Viet Minh counteroffensive in Indochina has not yet started. It will begin about November 1950.*
2. The Viet Minh is strengthening its forces inside and in the vicinity of Hanoi.**
3. A new anti-tank weapon, called the ST-1, now in use by the Viet Minh, has proved very effective against French armored units.
4. Approximately 3,000 French troops surrendered to the Viet Minh at Thatke. This number includes 1,200 paratroops.***

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* [REDACTED] estimates that preparations for the counteroffensive will be completed about the end of November 1950.

25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. Apparently, the underground is to rise in a coordinated attack with Viet Minh army forces against the French.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the Indochinese Communist Party, hitherto completely clandestine, is gradually operating more overtly in the Hanoi area.

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25X1A *** [REDACTED] Comment. According to information available [REDACTED] the highest French estimates of losses at Thatke have been 2,000.

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