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SUBJECT VIET CONG HOLIDAY CEASE FIRE PLANS IN BINH THUAN PROVINCE

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1. ON 27 NOVEMBER 1966, THE VIET CONG (VC) HONG PHONG AND DONH HAI DISTRICT COMMITTEES (GVN HAI LONG AND THIEN GIAO DISTRICTS) OF BINH THUAN PROVINCE HELD A MEETING OF DISTRICT AND VILLAGE CADRES TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED CEASE FIRE PERIODS DURING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAYS.

2. NGUYEN TANH, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BINH THUAN PROVINCE

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COMMITTEE, FIRST REVIEWED THE GENERAL MILITARY AND POLITICAL SITUATION, SAYING THAT BECAUSE OF THE "PEOPLE'S VICTORIES AND THE AMERICANS' FAILURE ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF VIETNAM" THE AMERICANS LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN FOR A CEASE FIRE "TO EXAMINE THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLES ARMY AND ALSO TO ALLEVIATE THE STRAINED MORALE OF THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM."

3. NEXT LE HUY, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ADVISOR TO THE BINH THUAN PROVINCE COMMITTEE, ALSO TOLD THE MEETING THAT THE IDEA OF A CEASE FIRE WAS "PROPOSED BY THE AMERICANS." HE ADDED "THEIR OFFER MIGHT BE ACCEPTED BECAUSE WE COULD GAIN GOOD POINTS ON THE BATTLEFIELDS AND IN TERMS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL PROPAGANDA." THE REPRESENTATIVES AT THE MEETING THEN AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING PLAN OF ACTION IN CASE A CEASE FIRE IS DECLARED:

A. LOCAL COMMITTEES SHOULD CONDUCT AN URGENT CAMPAIGN TO MOBILIZE AS MANY LABORERS AS POSSIBLE FOR MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES DURING THE CEASE FIRE PERIOD.

B. THEY SHOULD EXTRACT TWO THIRDS OF THEIR RICE AND SALT STORES TO AID THE VC EASTERN ZONE BATTLEFIELD.

COMMENT: THIS IS PROBABLY VC ZONE D.)

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C. LOCAL COMMITTEES SHOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THEIR INSTALLATIONS IN THE EVENT OF A BREACH OF PROMISE BY THE AMERICANS.

D. PRIOR TO THE CEASE FIRE PERIODS, THE VC SHOULD STRIVE TO REOCCUPY STRATEGIC POINTS, SO THAT AFTER THE CEASE FIRE THEY CAN ATTACK THE ENEMY FROM THESE POINTS.

E. DURING THE CEASE FIRE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PROSELYTING OPERATIONS SHOULD BE STRESSED AND PROPAGANDA CALLING FOR THE ENEMY SOLDIERS TO THROW DOWN THEIR WEAPONS LAUNCHED. FURTHER, THE REPRESENTATIVES AT THE MEETING WERE TOLD THAT IF THE CEASE FIRE PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED, THEY WILL BE CALLED TO ANOTHER CONFERENCE AND ADVISED OF ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO BE CARRIED OUT.

4. THE MEETING WAS ALSO TOLD THAT BECAUSE OF DISASTROUS FLOODS IN THE DELTA, PROVISIONS THERE WERE SHORT. SINCE THERE WAS A GOOD HARVEST IN CENTRAL VIETNAM, RELIEF SUPPLIES WOULD BE SENT FROM THERE TO THE DELTA DURING THE CEASE FIRE PERIODS.

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