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Subject: Situation in the Provinces of IV Corps as of 1300 Hours on 10 Apr. 1968

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members of the VC 306th Regional main force battalion in Vinh Long province, reportedly told the people in Phouc Hau village, Chau Thanh district, that the regional main force battalions received orders not to launch any major operations until they received orders from the Central Office of South Vietnam (COSVN). This was supposedly done because of the prospects for peace negotiations.

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"3. The Viet Cong in Bac Lieu province have been explaining President Johnson's speech halting the bombing in North Vietnam and withdrawing from the Presidential race in the following manner according to information received from the provincial reconnaissance unit. The Viet Cong are saying that the Tet offensive demoralized the American people and lowered their confidence in the President and his government. The President, knowing this situation and realizing that he would be defeated if he sought reelection, therefore withdrew from the race. The bombing halt was announced, according to the Viet Cong, because it has proven a failure and the American people were against its continuation. The Viet Cong also state that the bombing halt will be advantageous to them because North Vietnam will be able to increase its efforts to send arms and ammunition to the South and thus make it easy to win a quick victory over the allied forces."

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