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THE JCS BRIEFER PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUERY REGARDING THE NVA CONSERVING MAIN FORCE UNITS AND USING LOCAL FORCES IN THE CURRENT OFFENSIVE.

THERE IS NOTHING THE SUBSTANTIATE THIS CLAIM. ALL MAIN FORCE UNITS, EXCEPT THE NVA 2 ND DIVISION, ARE CONTINUING ARRACKS AT A REDUCED CAPABILITY. THE 2ND DIVISION IS CURRENTLY IN THE MILITARY REGION 1-MILITARY REGION 2 BORDER AREA AND HAS NOT BEEN NOTED IN CONTACT RECENTLY. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE

A MAIN FORCE UNIT STANDDOWN.

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WARM REGARDS.

JCS review completed.