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1. At the HO BO Secret Zone on the evening of 29 January 1968, [Redacted] told Source that the entire country was in VC hands with the exception of the Saigon-Cholon area and that Source's unit was to infiltrate Saigon and attempt to propogandize the populace while other units attacked key installations throughout the city. [Redacted]

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2. Source entered the Saigon-Cholon area by bus from the HO BO Secret Zone on 30 January. He was met by [redacted] at the corner of PHAN THANH GIAN and LY THAI TO Streets, Cholon, at about 1930 hours and was then taken by bike to a two-story building on NGUYEN BIEU Street, Cholon, where he received his instructions.

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[redacted] he had never been allowed to go there because he had no accommodation address at which to stay. Other members of his unit frequently travelled to and from Cholon.)

3. Although [redacted] told Source that local people would rush to the VC banner once the VC made their appearance in Cholon, Source noticed that the people were fearful as [redacted] propagandized them, shying away and closing their doors on the VC. Source's unit received no help from the local people.
4. The unit had no rallying point in case they were dispersed. The team members were ordered to fight until they were able to leave the city. The exfiltration plan called for Source to leave the city by bus. If the unit became trapped in the city, it was to remain and fight.
5. Source was unaware of any plans for a coordinate attack across the DMZ or against KHE SANH since he had been told that the Saigon-Cholon area was the only section of SVN not under VC control.
6. Source said that if the first VC attack on Saigon failed, the VC would continue to attack until Saigon fell. Even if the first attack were to fail completely it would still be of great propaganda value to the VC since Saigon was the most secure of GVN areas and was purportedly safe from attack. This myth has been exploded by the TET attack. Source feels that the Liberation Front and the NVN Government will exploit this theme to the fullest.
7. (Interrogator's Comment: Source is a fully indoctrinated VC who joined the movement in 1965. His access, however, is limited.)

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