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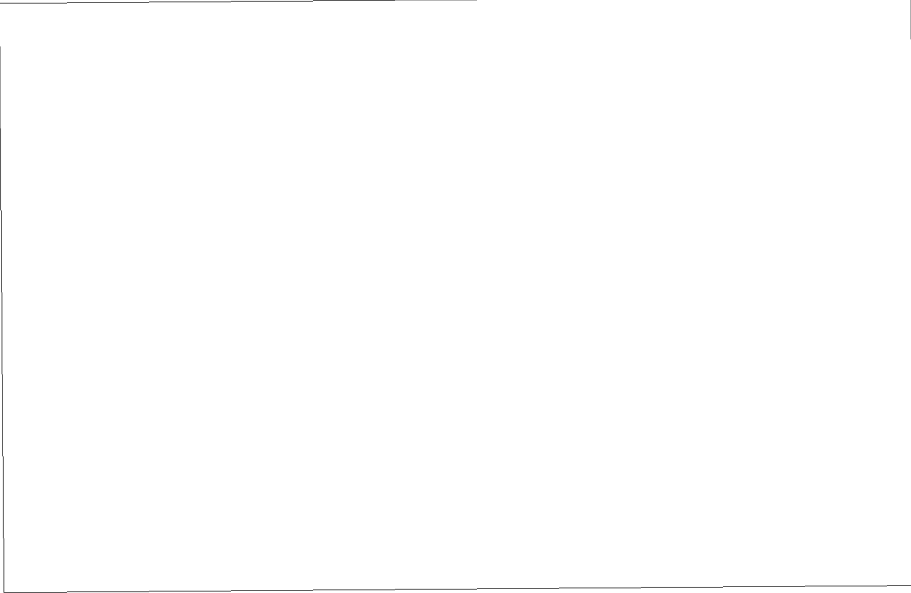
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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM *17092-225-4*
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SUBJECT PLEIKU PROVINCE SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1130
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[redacted] THE VIET CONG(VC) [redacted]

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COMMITTEE II, [redacted], WHO WAS CAPTURED [redacted]

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JANUARY 1968, STATED THAT THE AIM OF THE PRESENT ACTION IS
TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION 13 OF THE

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CENTRAL NORTH VIETNAM COMMUNIST (LAO DONG) PARTY, THAT IS, GUIDE PEOPLE TO STRIKE AND DEMONSTRATE AND TO LIBERATE ALL AREAS. [REDACTED] THE PRESENT OFFENSIVE WAS SCHEDULED TO LAST SEVEN DAYS AND WILL END ON 5 FEB.

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2. ALLIED ACTION THIS WEEK RESULTED IN ALMOST COMPLETE ANNIHILATION OF THE VC H-15 LOCAL FORCE BATTALION (BN): THE COMMANDING OFFICER WAS CAPTURED AND ONLY 23 MEN ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR.

3. THE VC 407TH AND 408TH SAPPER BNS SUFFERED SEVERE LOSSES: THEIR OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY IS EXTREMELY LIMITED. THE 4TH AND THE 5TH BNS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) 95B REGIMENT (REGT) AND THE NVA 32ND REGT ARE BELIEVED TO BE IN THE NORTHWESTERN PART OF PLEIKU PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO A SPECIAL POLICE AGENT REPORT OF 4 FEBRUARY, TWO VC BATTALIONS ARE ABOUT 15 MILES NORTHWEST OF PLEIKU CITY AND POSE A POSSIBLE THREAT TO THE PLEIKU AREA. AN ATTACK AGAINST PLEIKU CITY ON THE NIGHT OF 4 FEBRUARY IS A DEFINITE POSSIBILITY.

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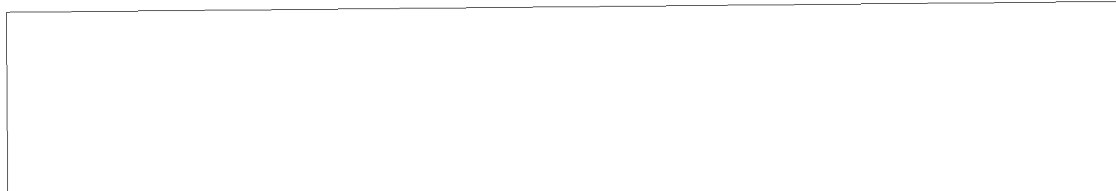
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4. ROADBLOCKS HAVE BEEN SET UP ^{AI} ALL INGRESS ROUTES INTO THE CITY, AND ALL VIETNAMESE AND MONTAGNARDS ARE BEING STOPPED AND SEARCHED. THE POLICE AND ARVN HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SEARCH OF MOST HOMES, HAVE APPREHENDED MANY VC SUSPECTS AND HAVE LOCATED SEVERAL CACHES.



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