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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO THE TET OFFENSIVE IN PHNOM PENH
AND HANOI

ACQ: VIETNAM, SAIGON (16 FEBRUARY 1968) [Redacted]

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1. ON 10 FEBRUARY 1968 THE GIA LAM AIRPORT HAD THE
ATMOSPHERE OF A VICTORY CELEBRATION WITH MUSIC PLAYING AND JUBILANT
CROWDS. ALTHOUGH THE PEOPLE WERE INFORMED THAT THE SITUATION IN SAIGON
WAS PRACTICALLY NORMAL, THAT THERE WAS LIMITED DAMAGE AND NO VIET CONG
VICTORY, THE PEOPLE REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE NEWS INITIALLY. UPON
FURTHER QUESTIONING, THEY BECAME SULLEN AND APPEARED TO ACCEPT
THE FACT THAT THE VIET CONG HAD NOT ACHIEVED A MAJOR VICTORY.

2. IN PHNOM PENH THE CAMBODIAN RADIO FOLLOWED THE LINE
OF THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM

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(NFLSV.) IT WAS ANNOUNCED CONTINUOUSLY THAT THE NFLSV CONTROLLED SAIGON AND THAT THE VIET CONG FLAG WAS FLYING IN THE SAIGON MARKET PLACE. MANY FRENCH AND CAMBODIANS ATTEMPTED TO LISTEN TO THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES RADIO, BUT THE ANNOUNCERS SPOKE TOO RAPIDLY FOR THEIR LOW LEVEL OF ENGLISH COMPREHENSION.



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