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D. ON 30 JANUARY 1968, GENERAL WESTMORELAND CALLED ALL COMPONENT COMMANDERS, FIELD FORCE COMMANDERS AND BG IRZYK DIRECTING AN 100 PERCENT ALERT. THE ATTACK OCCURED ON 31 JANUARY. UNQUOTE.

2. PLEASE PASS TO DIA AND J-3; [REDACTED]

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1. FIRST VISIT 21 MARCH WAS TO IFF HQS IN NHA TRANG.

MG PEERS, CG, ATTENDED BRIEFING.

2. AS WE HAVE FOUND ELSEWHERE, IFF HAD INTELLIGENCE POINTING TOWARD SOME SORT OF VC OFFENSIVE IN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY, BUT THIS INFORMATION DID NOT PIN DOWN EXACT DATES AND SCOPE. BY AND LARGE IN II CORPS THE FOCUS OF THREAT SEEMED TO BE IN WESTERN HIGHLANDS.

3. AND IN CAPTURED DOCUMENTS MOVEMENT OF MAJOR ENEMY FORCES COULD BE FOLLOWED WITH FAIR ACCURACY. ON 5 JANUARY A DOCUMENT WAS PICKED UP DESCRIBING PLANS FOR AN ATTACK ON PLEIKU. ON 25 JANUARY IFF ALERTED ALL UNITS TO PROBABILITY OF LARGE-SCALE ATTACKS "IN CONJUNCTION WITH TET."

4. IN THIS CORPS AREA, INFILTRATION INTO CITIES WAS ACCOMPLISHED LARGELY BY LOCAL FORCES AND SAPPERS, WITH MAIN FORCE UNITS HELD OUTSIDE TOWN READY TO MOVE IN WHEN INFILTRATORS HAD STARTED ACTION.

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5. THE G-2 FELT HIS LIAISON WITH BOTH ROK AND ARVN WAS GOOD. GENERAL PEERS, HOWEVER, POINTED OUT KOREANS WERE SOMETIMES RELUCTANT TO PASS INFORMATION TO SOME ARVN UNITS, EVEN VIA UNITED STATES CHANNELS, BECAUSE OF WHAT KOREANS CONSIDER WEAKNESS IN ARVN SECURITY.

6. [] GAVE TEAM BRIEFING IN WHICH HE EMPHASIZED WHEAT-AND-CHAFF PROBLEM CONFRONTING INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS WHO RECEIVE WEEKLY DELUGE OF ATTACK REPORTS, FEW OF WHICH ARE VALID. ALTHOUGH APPROPRIATELY CAST FOR II CORPS HIGHLANDS, [] PROVIDED IN PARA 8 OF HIS NHA TRANG 2613 (BEING POUCHED) A GENERALIZED ANALYSIS WHICH COULD BE APPLIED COUNTRY-WIDE. IN GIST, HE SAYS THERE SIMPLY WAS NOT ENOUGH INTELLIGENCE TO INDICATE THAT A COORDINATED AND SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK ON PROVINCIAL CAPTIALS WOULD OCCUR DURING TET PERIOD.

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7. TEAM THEN WENT ON TO VISIT MG STONE, CG 4TH US DIVISION, WHO EXPLAINED HIS DIVISION WENT TO FULL ALERT ON 24 JANUARY AS RESULT OF INTELLIGENCE INDICATING IMMINENT ATTACKS ON KONTUM, PLEIKU, AND DAK TO. THIS INTELLIGENCE CAME FROM ALL SOURCE, INCLUDING ATTACK PLAN FOR PLEIKU

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(PARA 3 ABOVE).

8. WE NEXT MOVED ON TO PLEIKU AND ARVN II CORPS. AGAIN, DOCUMENTS AND PRISONER INTERROGATIONS INDICATED A COMING ATTACK IN HIGHLANDS. INTERROGATIONS OF PRISONERS TENDED TO CONFIRM THE CAPTURED PLEIKU ATTACK PLAN. ON 25 JANUARY PLEIKU WENT TO AN ALERT STATUS AS NOTED IN PARA 3. THIS REQUIRED ONE-THIRD OF FORCE TO BE IN BUNKERS AFTER DARK. ARVN ISSUED AN ALERT MESSAGE ON 29 JANUARY. AT TIME OF ATTACK ARVN HAD TWO DIVISIONS IN II CORPS AREA AT FULL STRENGTH AND TWO AT HALF STRENGTH DUE TET LEAVES.

9. LOCAL UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES FELT COOPERATION AMONG INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WAS GOOD IN II CORPS AREA.

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1. FIRST VISIT ON 20 MARCH WAS TO III CORPS HEADQUARTERS WHERE TEAM BRIEFED BY SENIOR ADVISOR, COL PETERS, AND G-2 ADVISOR, LC KIZIRIAN .

2. COL PETERS STATED OFFENSIVE WAS EXPECTED EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER TET. AS IN OTHER INSTANCES, NOTHING PINPOINTED EXACT NATURE OF ATTACK UNTIL 30 JANUARY WHEN A PRISONER SAID FOLLWOING DAY TAN SON NHUT, OTHER MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE CORPS AREA AND SAIGON CITY WOULD BE HIT. ALERTING MESSAGES HAD ALREADY GONE TO ARVN FROM III CORPS, BUT ARVN TROOPS WERE AT ABOUT 50 PERCENT STRENGTH BECAUSE OF TET.

3. THERE WERE NO REPORTS FROM CIVILIANS PASSED TO THE III CORPS ADVISORS; BUT, AGAIN, POINT WAS MADE THAT THERE WERE NO MEANS OF COMMUNICATION ONCE VC HAD MOVED IN.

4. III CORPS FELT MOST SIGNIFICANT EARLY WARNING WAS REORGANIZATION OF VC COMMAND STRUCTURE IN THE CORPS AREA.

5. BIEN HOA POINTED OUT THAT, WITH THE SITUATION

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AS IT WAS IN THE CORPS AREA BEFORE THE OFFENSIVE, CONTROL OF THE POPULATION WAS NOT THE SORT THAT ENCOURAGED PASSAGE OF INFORMATION. THERE ARE NOW 80 RD TEAMS IN PLACE AND 50 DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE COORDINATING CENTERS.

6. TEAM THEN VISITED II FIELD FORCE WHERE IT WAS BRIEFED BY COL FOULK, G-2. AS IN OTHER BRIEFINGS, COL FOULK STATED THAT ATTACKS WERE ANTICIPATED, BUT THE PRECISE FORM THEY WOULD TAKE WAS THE UNKNOWN FACTOR. THE FIELD FORCE WATCHED THE INDICATORS BUILD AND, ON 29 JAN, GEN WEYAND SENT A FLASH ALERTING MESSAGE WARNING ALL HIS COMMAND ELEMENTS THAT AN ATTACK ON FRIENDLY INSTALLATIONS COULD BE EXPECTED DURING THE NIGHT OF 29-30 JANUARY.

7. COL FOULK FELT HIS INTELLIGENCE WAS GOOD. HE REMARKED THAT ARVN III CORPS G-2 DID NOT BELIEVE AN ATTACK WAS IMMINENT.

8. TEAM NEXT WENT TO CAN THO FOR A IV CORPS BRIEFING. MG ECKHARDT, SENIOR ADVISOR, ATTENDED. IN THE BRIEFING IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN INDICATIONS SOMETHING WAS BUILDING AS EARLY AS OCTOBER WITH NO SPECIFIC INDICATION OF THE TARGETS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THERE IS NO REAL

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[] IN THIS CORPS AREA. 3.3(h)(2)

9. AS WAS THE CASE IN III CORPS, ARVN WAS CELEBRATING TET AND WAS WELL UNDER STRENGTH.

10. IT WAS NOTED HERE, AS IT HAS BEEN ELSEWHERE, THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE NOT THE SORT THAT ENCOURAGED CIVILIAN REPORTING -- IT WAS TET; THE NUMBER OF STRANGERS IN THE VILLAGES WAS NOT UNUSUAL (FOR YEARS VC HAVE COME INTO TOWN FOR THE CELEBRATIONS, SINGLY AND IN GROUPS - ON FOOT AND IN SAMPANS); AND ONCE THE VC MOVED, IT WAS DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS FOR ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO REPORT TO DO SO.

11. [] CAN THO BRIEFING IT WAS AGAIN NOTED 3.5(c)

THAT ARVN WAS FAR FROM READINESS. THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF [] ASSETS, SOME OF WHICH HAD PRODUCED GENERAL 3.3(h)(2)

WARNING --- IN ONE INSTANCE A GROUP OF VC SAPPERS WERE ROLLED UP AS A RESULT OF [] OPERATIONS. 3.3(h)(2)

12. IV CORPS UNITED STATES' COMPONENTS ARE NOW ORGANIZING AN INTELLIGENCE COORDINATING CENTER AT CAN THO BASE.

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ACTION

1. TEAM VISITED III MAF, ARVN I CORPS, PROVISIONAL
CORPS VIETNAM, AND REGION I ON 19 MARCH. BRIEFING AT
III MAF WAS CONDUCTED BY LG CUSHMAN AND STAFF, INCLUDING
MG ROBERTSON, CG I MARDIV.

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2. IN SUMMARY, GENERAL CUSHMAN FELT HE HAD AMPLE
FOREWARNING; WAS ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH MOVEMENTS OF HOSTILE
ELEMENTS, AND ACTED ACCORDINGLY. ALL AGREED THAT, ASIDE
FROM DANANG, SPECIFIC VC TARGETS WERE NOT KNOWN, ALTHOUGH
THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF INTELLIGENCE INDICATING SOMETHING
WAS COMING AROUND TET. GENERAL CUSHMAN NOTED THAT ATTACKS
ON CITIES WERE EXPECTED. DEFENSE FORCES HAD BEEN
POSITIONED, HOWEVER, TO DEAL WITH DIRECT ATTACKS (FORCES
WERE STATIONED ABOUT 3 KILOMETERS OUTSIDE CITIES).
INFILTRATION WAS NOT ANTICIPATED ON THE SCALE USED BY THE
VC.

3. AS FOR DANANG, IT HAD BEEN CLEAR FOR SOMETIME,

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, THAT THE CITY WOULD BE THE

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TARGET OF AN ATTACK; BUT AGAIN, THE PRECISE TIMING WAS NOT KNOWN.

4. THERE WERE ONLY TWO KNOWN REPORTS OF CIVILIANS VOLUNTEERING INFORMATION. GENERAL CUSHMAN NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT VILLAGERS HAD NO MEANS OF COMMUNICATING ONCE THE VC HAD MOVED IN.

5. THERE WAS NO TET TRUCE IN I CORPS AND ALL UNITS, INCLUDING ARVN AND ROK MARINES, WERE ON FULL ALERT STATUS. GENERAL CUSHMAN FEELS COOPERATION AMONG THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES IN THE CORPS AREA WAS GOOD.

6. THE III MAF G-3 SAID HE FELT HE HAD AMPLE INTELLIGENCE FOR HIS PURPOSES. BOTH HE AND GENERAL ROBERTSON NOTED THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SPREAD FORCES TO COVER ALL POSSIBLE TARGETS WHEN EXACT ENEMY INTENTIONS ARE NOT KNOWN.

7. MEMBERS OF THE TEAM VISITED [REDACTED] WHERE [REDACTED] BRIEFED ON THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

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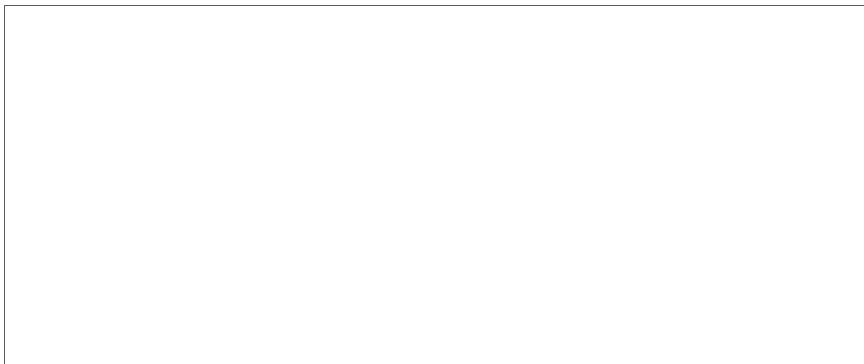
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METHODS OF HANDLING AND COORDINATING INTELLIGENCE RECEIVED

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[REDACTED] AND FROM OTHER [REDACTED] SOURCES WERE DISCUSSED

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IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL AND IT WAS APPARENT THAT CLOSE

COORDINATION HAD BEEN MAINTAINED AMONG [REDACTED] AND THE

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UNITED STATES AND GVN MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

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8. [REDACTED] PLEASE PASS TO DIA AND J-3;

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