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31 January 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Status of Facilities and Personnel in Vietnam

1. The following summarizes the status of our personnel and facilities following the VC attacks on urban areas. The information was gleaned from field reports of our regional officers in Vietnam.
2. Three personnel (1 IUORBIT military detailee and 2 local military assignees) were wounded -- one critically. CAS quarters and offices were hit in a number of province capitals, and our personnel have been evacuated in several cases. The status of our installations and personnel in two places -- Hue and Chau Doc -- is not yet known.
3. In Kien Giang Province the quarters of the cadre operations officer was hit by mortar fire, destroying the office and one vehicle -- no casualties reported.
4. In Vinh Binh Province our personnel have moved into the MACV compound.
5. In Chau Doc Province, our officers are temporarily remaining with the U.S. military personnel while other American civilians are being evacuated.
6. In An Xuyen Province, the province officer's house was hit and his radio knocked out; no civilian casualties reported.
7. In II Corps all our personnel are reported tired but okay after two nights of intensive activity. Our only known casualty is the Binh Dinh PRU advisor, a Sgt. Malia. Malia apparently is a local military assignee.

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In Danang all of our personnel and installations remain intact, and the regional office has tightened security measures to prevent or forestall terrorist attacks.

8. Our personnel in Kontum were rescued with some difficulty by an Air America helicopter on the afternoon of 30 January. Our classified files were burned and all money was evacuated.

9. In Phan Thiet U.S. civilians are being evacuated and our province officer has been ordered to take or burn his files.

10. In Ban Me Thuot a helicopter has been sent to evacuate our personnel and instructions have been given to burn all files, take all money and destroy the radio.

11. Our regional office in Danang has been unable to contact our office in Hue. The regional chief is en route to Hue via helicopter to ascertain the situation there.

12. In Quang Tin our cadre officer's compound was under sniper fire and two members of a PRU team were slightly wounded; no other casualties reported.

13. In Quang Ngai our cadre advisor's compound was hit four times by recoilless rifle fire. Three guards and one USMC Lieutenant were wounded. 3.5(c)

14. In Vinh Binh Province our cadre and PRU advisors [redacted] [redacted] were wounded. [redacted] was evacuated to an Army hospital in My Tho and is reported in serious condition; he is one of our IUORBIT personnel. [redacted] was not seriously wounded; he may be a local assignee.

15. In Soc Trang the quarters of our province advisor were hit by a rocket, but we had no casualties.

16. As a precaution all province officers in the Delta were instructed by our regional office to prepare classified material for destruction. Our office is maintaining a helicopter and two light aircraft on emergency stand by for evacuation if needed.

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17. In Kien Hoa Province ten VC were reported killed in our compound, but there were no CIA casualties.



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