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DIST 11 JULY 1972

COUNTRY: SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI : 20-21 JUNE 1972

SUBJECT: DIFFICULTIES INCURRED BY VIET CONG IN GIONG TROM DISTRICT, KIEN HOA PROVINCE, AS A RESULT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM PHUNG HOANG F-6 PROGRAM

ACQ : VIETNAM, CAN THO (28 JUNE 1972) FIELD [redacted] 25X1

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INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPHS 1-2 FROM A MEMBER OF A VC REAR SERVICE UNIT IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE WHO ATTENDED THE CITED LECTURE, AND THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPHS 3-4 FROM A DEPUTY COMMANDER

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OF A SMALL VC INFANTRY UNIT IN GIONG TROM DISTRICT.

1. ON 20 JUNE 1972, HAI D U N G, A LEADING CADRE OF THE VIET CONG (VC) GOING TROM DISTRICT COMMITTEE, VC BEN TRE PROVINCE, LECTURED VILLAGE PARTY CHAPTERS ON EFFECTS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) PHUNG HOANG F-6 PROGRAM HAD HAD ON THE VC, AS OUTLINED IN VC BEN TRE PROVINCE PARTY DIRECTIVE 121/TU, SIGNED BY ALIAS BAY D A O, SECRETARY OF THE VC BEN TRE PARTY COMMITTEE, ON 16 JUNE 1972. [redacted] COMMENT: THE NATIONAL POLICE F-6 PROGRAM FOR THE ARREST OF SUSPECTED VC AND MEMBERS OF THE VC INFRASTRUCTURE RESULTED IN THE DETENTION, DELTA-WIDE, OF ABOUT 4,400 PERSONS BETWEEN APRIL AND 30 JUNE. VC BEN TRE PROVINCE INCLUDES ALL OF GVN KIEN HOA PROVINCE AND PART OF VINH LONG PROVINCE.) 25X1

2. DUNG EXPLAINED THAT THE GVN F-6 PROGRAM HAD LED TO THE ARREST OF VC LEGAL CADRES AND THAT AS A RESULT, THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES NORMALLY ACQUIRED BY THE CADRES HAD NOT BEEN TRANSPORTED INTO BASE AREAS. DUNG ADDED THAT INCREASED

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GVN SWEEP AND SEARCH OPERATIONS HAVE PREVENTED THE CONCENTRATION OF MILITARY FORCES AND THE GVN MILITARY CONSCRIPTION PROGRAM HAS DENIED THE VC NEW RECRUITS. HE SAID THAT THE VC MUST MAKE A DETERMINED EFFORT TO OVERCOME THESE DIFFICULTIES. POLITICAL CADRES MUST COLLECT ADDITIONAL TAXES AND ENCOURAGE YOUNG MEN TO JOIN THE VC MILITARY UNITS. BEGINNING ON 23 JUNE 1972, VC MILITARY AND GUERRILLA UNITS WERE TO INITIATE ATTACKS ON GVN OUTPOSTS AND STRIKE AT RELIEF FORCES.

3. ON 20 JUNE 1972 ALIAS BA D A O, DEPUTY PROVINCE PARTY SECRETARY OF VC BEN TRE PROVINCE, IN EXPLAINING DIRECTIVE 121/TU TO CADRES OF THE 516B LOCAL FORCE (LF) BATTALION, SAID THAT THE GVN CAMPAIGN HAD LED TO THE ARREST OF MANY VC CADRES AS WELL AS HAVING COMPROMISED VC ATTACK PLANS. IN ORDER TO COUNTER THE GVN CAMPAIGN, THE 516B LF BATTALION SHOULD LIBERATE MY CHAN HOA VILLAGE IN BA TRI DISTRICT. HE INSTRUCTED THE SAPPER UNIT OF THE 516A LF BATTALION AND THE 519TH LF COMPANY TO SUPPORT THE 516B LF BATTALION BY ATTACKING OUTPOSTS AND INTERCEPTING GVN REINFORCEMENTS. THE ATTACK ON MY CHAN HOA VILLAGE WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN EARLY JULY 1972. ON THE

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NIGHT OF 21 JUNE, A SAPPER SQUAD FROM THE 516A LOCAL FORCE BATTALION, TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO THE 516B LOCAL FORCE BATTALION, RECONNOITERED MY CHAN HOA VILLAGE AND SKETCHED A MAP OF THE OUTPOST AND VILLAGE DEFENSES. [redacted] COMMENT: 25X1
IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER ALIAS BA DAO CITED ABOVE AS DEPUTY PROVINCE SECRETARY IS THE SAME AS THE ALIAS BAY DAO CITED
25X1 BY [redacted] PARAGRAPH ONE. NO ATTACK ON MY CHAN HOA VILLAGE HAS YET BEEN REPORTED.)

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