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SUBJECT
VIET CONG CLAIMS THAT AN ARMISTICE WILL BE DECLARED
IN 1966, AND PLANS TO SEIZE RHU YEN PROVINCE AS A
BARGAINING POINT FOR NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IN EARLY DECEMBER 1965 THE VIET CONG (VC) KIEN HOA PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE INSTRUCTED ITS DISTRICT COMMITTEES, ON ORDERS FROM THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE LIBERATION ARMED FORCES, THAT THE LAO DONG PARTY HAD ANNOUNCED THAT AN ARMISTICE WOULD BE DECLARED IN 1966. TO PREPARE FOR THE ARMISTICE, HIGH-LEVEL VC CADRES WERE ORDERED TO SELECT LOYAL CADRES WITH AT LEAST A SECONDARY-SCHOOL EDUCATION FOR A TRAINING COURSE, TO BE HELD IN THE CAMBODIA-VIETNAM BORDER AREA, ON OPERATIONS AS "LEGAL" RESIDENTS. THESE CADRES WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE, AFTER THE CEASE-

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FIRE, FOR ORGANIZING ANOTHER "PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION." INTELLECTUALS WITH PRO-COMMUNIST SYMPATHIES WERE ALSO TO BE RECRUITED AND WOULD BE ORGANIZED TO BEGIN THE REVOLUTION IN URBAN AREAS.

2. THE VC IN PHU YEN AND BINH DINH PROVINCES WERE PLANNING, AS OF MID-NOVEMBER, TO LAUNCH LARGE-SCALE MILITARY CAMPAIGNS IN THOSE TWO PROVINCES AND INTENDED TO ATTEMPT TO SEIZE ALL OF PHU YEN IN ORDER TO USE CONTROL OF THE PROVINCE AS A BARGAINING POINT IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE US, WHICH THE VC CLAIMED WOULD TAKE PLACE AT GENEVA IN 1966. IN EARLY NOVEMBER THE VC IN NINH THUAN PROVINCE ORDERED CADRES TO BEGIN COLLECTING MONEY, RICE, AND SALT TO BE TRANSPORTED TO VC TROOPS IN PHU YEN.

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