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DIST 13 MAY 1971

COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI 25 APRIL 1971

SUBJECT VIET CONG INSTRUCTIONS PLACING EMPHASIS ON  
CAPTURING AMERICAN PERSONNEL ALIVE

ACQ VIETNAM, NHA TRANG [ ] [ ] FIELD NO. [ ] [ ]

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1. ON 25 APRIL 1971 [ ] A CADRE OF THE VIET CONG (VC) BINH DINH PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE, STATED THAT VC FORCES AND LEGAL CADRES IN BINH DINH HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PUT EMPHASIS ON CAPTURING AMERICAN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ALIVE, AS OPPOSED TO KILLING THEM. ANY MEMBER OF THE VC MILITARY UNIT WHO CAPTURED AN AMERICAN WOULD BE GRANTED AN IMMEDIATE PROMOTION AND WOULD BE GUARANTEED A "RISE IN THE PARTY." ALL CAPTURED AMERICANS WERE TO BE TURNED OVER IMMEDIATELY TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES. [ ] OFFERED NO REASON AS TO THIS

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URGENT EMPHASIS ON CAPTURE OF AMERICANS. WHEN QUERIED, [ ] [ ] MERELY REPLIED THAT ONE AMERICAN WAS EQUAL TO AN ENTIRE PLATOON OF GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) TROOPS.)

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2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS, VC MILITARY FORCES IN SOUTHERN PHU MY DISTRICT, BINH DINH PROVINCE, HAVE ORGANIZED A UNIT WHOSE MAIN FUNCTION WILL BE TO CONTROL TRAFFIC ON NATIONAL ROUTE 1. THIS UNIT WILL DRESS IN CAPTURED REGIONAL FORCES (RF) OR POPULAR FORCES (PF) UNIFORMS AND WILL SET UP ROAD CHECK POINTS ALONG AN APPROPRIATE FIVE-KILOMETER STRETCH ON ROUTE 1 BETWEEN MY HIEP VILLAGE (APPROXIMATELY BR888649) AND THE PHU LY BRIDGE. THE UNIT WILL STOP ALL VEHICLES, ROB VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL AND CAPTURE ALL AMERICANS. THEY WILL OPERATE ONLY IN THE EARLY EVENING HOURS. [ ]

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[ ] THESE HOURS OF OPERATION WERE SELECTED FOR THREE REASONS: THE GVN SECURITY UNITS DO NOT PATROL FREQUENTLY AT THIS TIME, TRAFFIC IS NOT HEAVY, AND THE CHANCES OF A LONE AMERICAN VEHICLE COMING ALONG, AS OPPOSED TO CONVOYS, IS GREATER. FOR AN EXAMPLE OF VC USE OF GVN MILITARY UNIFORMS, SEE [ ] [ ]

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3. AS OF EARLY MAY 1971, VC FORCES IN PHU MY DISTRICT, BINH DINH PROVINCE, ARE ORGANIZING FORCES TO CONDUCT AMBUSH OPERA-

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TIONS ALONG ROUTE 1 BETWEEN PHU LY BRIDGE AND THE  
BORDER OF PHU MY AND HOAI NHON DISTRICTS. A MAIN OBJECTIVE OF  
THESE AMBUSHES IS THE CAPTURE OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL. THE VC BELIEVE  
THAT KIDNAPPINGS OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL WILL BE GOOD FOR MORALE  
AND HELP MAKE UP FOR VC INABILITY TO CARRY OUT LARGE-SCALE  
ATTACKS.

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