

REPORT CLASS [REDACTED]

COUNTRY: SOUTH VIETNAM, DANANG

DOI : 4 FEBRUARY 1968

SUBJECT: SITUATION IN I CORPS AS OF 1200 HOURS 4 FEBRUARY 1968

ACQUIRED: VIETNAM, DANANG (4 FEBRUARY 1968) [REDACTED]

SOURCE : THIS IS A SITUATION REPORT ON 4 FEBRUARY PREPARED BY
CAS. [REDACTED]

1. DURING THE NIGHT OF 3-4 FEBRUARY THERE WERE NO FEW DEVELOPMENTS AND NO SIGNIFICANT VC ACTIVITY IN QUANG TRI, QUANG NGAI, AND QUANG TIN PROVINCES. IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) TROOPS LAID AN AMBUSH IN THE VICINITY OF HIEU NHON DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS; CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE VC WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. THE ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) ENGINEER COMPOUND IN HOI AN CITY RECEIVED THREE ROUNDS OF 60MM MORTAR. IN DIEN BANH DISTRICT, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, THE VC KNOCKED OUT A POWER PLANT.

2. ON 3 FEBRUARY, THE DANANG CITY POLICE ARRESTED A 14 YEAR OLD BOY WHO WAS TRYING TO CONCEAL A PACKAGE AS THE POLICE APPROACHED. THE PACKAGE CONTAINED TWO K-54 PISTOLS AND 30 KILOS OF EXPLOSIVES. HE IS NOW UNDERGOING INTERROGATION. THERE WERE TWO SIGHTINGS OF FROGMEN REPORTED IN THE THANH BINH BEACH AREA OF DANANG BUT THESE REPORTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED. OTHERWISE, THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE IN DANANG.

3. A RETIRED ARVN MAJOR, NOW AN EMPLOYEE OF CAS, DISCUSSED THE PRESENT FIGHTING WITH NUMEROUS PERSONS IN DANANG. THE GENERAL CONSENSUS AMONG THE POPULACE IN DANANG CONCERNING THE PRESENT FIGHTING IN SOUTH VIETNAM SEEMS TO BE THAT THE U.S. AND THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) DID NOT HAVE ANY ADVANCE INFORMATION OF VC MOVEMENT INTO THE CITIES. THE VC WON A POLITICAL VICTORY BY DEMONSTRATING TO THE WORLD THAT THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT FORCES WITH WHICH IN ONE NIGHT TO ENTER VIRTUALLY EVERY IMPORTANT CITY IN SOUTH VIETNAM. IT IS RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT MILITARILY THE U.S. AND ^{ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN)} ~~ARVN~~ TROOPS WERE VICTORIOUS AS EVIDENCED BY THE MANY VC KILLED AND WOUNDED AND THE MANY WEAPONS CAPTURED.

4. FIELD DISSEM: STATE USMACV CORDS III MAF 7TH AF USARV COMNAVFORV URAID DIR/JUSPAO (MR. ZORTHIAN ONLY) CINCPAC ARPAC PACAF (ALSO SENT SAIGON)

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