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COUNTRY: SOUTH VIETNAM
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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON HUE CITY AS OF 1430 HOURS ON 2
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1. DURING A FLIGHT TO PHU BAI AND OVER HUE ON 2 FEBRUARY
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED.

A. AS OF 1200 HOURS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS (USMC)
TROOPS OCCUPIED THE USMACV COMPOUND AND THE AREA SOUTHWEST OF
A SCHOOL NEAR THUA THIEN PRISON. THE USMC GENERAL IN COMMAND
OF THE OPERATION STATED THAT THE PRISON WAS STILL IN FRIENDLY
HANDS. THE USMC HAD PENETRATED AS FAR AS THE CORDS OFFICES,
APPROXIMATELY 400 METERS FROM THE USMACV COMPOUND, AND
CONTROL NATIONAL ROUTE NO. 1 FROM HUE TO PHU BAI. USMC
CONVOYS WERE PASSING ON THE PHU BAI/HUE ROUTE. THE USMC
GENERAL ESTIMATED THAT THERE WERE 1,000 VIET CONG (VC) IN

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THE CITY SOUTH OF THE PERFUME RIVER. HE SAID THEY WERE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY TROOPS. THE ENTIRE BATTLE WAS BEING FOUGHT HOUSE TO HOUSE. HE STATED HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON AMERICAN CIVILIANS.

B. A CHECK WITH THE HOSPITAL IN PHU BAI REVEALED THAT NO UNITED STATES CIVILIANS HAD BEEN ADMITTED SINCE 30 JANUARY. NO MILITARY DETAILEES ASSIGNED TO REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT CADRE (RDC) WERE LISTED BY THE HOSPITAL.

C. A PROVINCIAL RECONNAISSANCE UNIT (PRU) ADVISOR REACHED THE HUE USMACV COMPOUND ABOUT 1430 HOURS WITH A USMC CONVOY. HE SAID A PRELIMINARY CHECK INDICATED SOME CIVILIANS WERE IN THE COMPOUND, BUT NOT ALL CIVILIANS WERE AS YET ACCOUNTED FOR.

D. RADIO CONTACT WITH THE PRU COMMANDER IN HUE ESTABLISHED THAT THE PRUS WERE FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR COMPOUND IN HUE LATE IN THE NIGHT OF 1/2 FEBRUARY; HOWEVER, THEY REGAINED THE COMPOUND DURING THE FOLLOWING MORNING. THEY WERE INSTRUCTED TO REMAIN IN THE COMPOUND UNTIL AMERICAN FORCES ARRIVE IN ORDER TO AVOID A CONFLICT.

E. A CORDS EMPLOYEE IN THE USMACV COMPOUND

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REPORTEDLY MADE A SWEEP PAST THE RDC ADVISOR'S HOUSE LATE
ON THE EVENING OF 31 JANUARY. HE NOTED SEVERAL JEEPS AND NUNG
GUARDS BUT NO AMERICANS.

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