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HEREWITH FURTHER EVIDENCE OF GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT AROUND QUANG TRI.

THE SITUATION IN QUANG TRI CITY REMAINS RELATIVELY CALM, BUT KHE SANH BASE HAS BEEN TAKING A LARGE NUMBER OF ROCKET AND MORTAR ROUNDS. THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION, ESPECIALLY TO THE EAST AND WEST, IN THE LOWLANDS HAVE RECEIVED SPORADIC FIRE. DURING THE NIGHT OF 24/25 FEBRUARY FOR THE FIRST TIME SOME OF THE RD SUPPORT BATTALIONS STAYED IN THE REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT AREA NORTH OF QUANG TRI CITY. U.S. AND VIETNAMESE FORCES IN THE LOWLANDS HAVE BEEN MOVING ABOUT ACTIVELY SEEKING TO CORNER THE ENEMY. NO LARGE ENGAGEMENTS HAVE RESULTED, BUT MANY NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY HAVE BEEN KILLED. THE NVA SEEMED TO HAVE NO FIGHT LEFT AND SOME WERE CAUGHT BREAKING AND RUNNING. THE ENEMY HAS BEEN PROPAGANDIZING OF ANOTHER ATTACK, BUT THIS SEEMS TO BE IN TERMS OF THE FUTURE, TWO OR THREE MONTHS, RATHER THAN VERY SOON.

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