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1. Six additional battalions of combat troops are being deployed to South Vietnam, totaling approximately 10,500 men.
2. Three battalions are army units from the 82d airborne division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Three are Marine Corps units from the 5th Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, California, and the 2d Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
3. These forces are being deployed at the request of General William C. Westmoreland as insurance against the threat of the North Vietnamese regular Army's campaign in the DMZ-Quang Tri-Thua Thien area.
4. The North Vietnamese have introduced some 24,000 additional regular Army troops -- the 304th and 320th Divisions -- into the Khe Sanh area in December and January.
5. There are currently approximately 500,000 U.S. military personnel in South Vietnam. The deployment of 525,000 has been authorized.
6. No decision has yet been made on whether these will eventually be in addition to the 525,000 or part of that total.

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