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2. (C) ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

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a. (C) Strengths and Dispositions:

(1) RVN: The accepted enemy personnel strength in-country as of 31 August was as follows (figures in parenthesis represent increases since 30 June):

COMBAT	111,764	(10,429)
COMBAT SUPPORT	18,753	(950)
MILITIA	112,760	(No Change)
POLITICAL CADRE	39,175	(No Change)
	<u>282,452</u>	<u>(11,379)</u>

(2) I CTZ: The accepted combat enemy strength as of 31 August was 27,530. In Quang Tri Province the NVA 324B Division, composed of three regiments and seven specialized battalions, infiltrated through the DMZ. This increased the strength by 9,410. Elements of the 324B Division came in contact during Operation Hastings (7 July - 3 August) and had a reported loss of 824 KIA.

The VC 409th Sapper Battalion, which was in Pleiku Province in II CTZ, crossed into Quang Ngai Province in I CTZ, increasing the total strength by 400. The acceptance date for change in location was 1 August.

Additionally, numerous reports of battalion and regimental-size units throughout the corps have been received. Although there are no confirmed figures as to strength or disposition of these reported units, the reports indicate a concentration in the upper two provinces.

(3) II CTZ: Accepted enemy combat strength in II CTZ as of 31 August was 37,480. This figure represents an overall increase of 1,255 during the period. Operations Paul Revere I and II conducted throughout the reporting period in western Pleiku Province significantly affected elements of the NVA 630th Division and the NVA 88th Regiment. Operation Paul Revere I, which contacted elements of the NVA 630th Division, resulted in 592 KIA and 72 VCC. Operation Paul Revere II, which began 1 August and ended 26 August, was also in contact with elements of the 630th Division, as well as the NVA 88th Regiment, and resulted in 809 KIA and 104 VCC. These operations forced the enemy to withdraw and regroup during the latter part of August. Enemy personnel strength continues to be concentrated in Binh Dinh, Phu Yen, Kontum, and western Pleiku Provinces. The most significant enemy dispositions are the NVA 610th Division in the northeastern quarter of Binh Dinh Province, the 630th Division in the Duc Co-Chu Pong-Plei Me areas of Pleiku Province, and the NVA 5th Division in the northern half of Phu Yen Province.

(4) III CTZ: The accepted enemy combat unit strength in III CTZ

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