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SUBJ: (C) Underground VC Agents Losing Support From Local Inhabitants in Southern Hoa Vang District, Quang-Da Special Zone, Military Region 5.

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(C) Item 1: (2 pages, handwritten; B-3) Report, undated, signed by Hoang Minh Nghiem for Unit H16, K2 ((possibly H16 Local Force Company of K2, aka Khu Đoi 2, aka Southern Hoa Vang District Unit, Quang-Da Special Zone, Military Region 5)), reveals the names, biographical data, and achievements of seven personnel of the company who were recommended for certificates of commendation and the title 1969 Emulator. The following are key cadre:

- Phan Cong Tho, Assistant Platoon Leader;
- Ngo Tong Cu and Nguyen Phong Son, Platoon Leaders;
- Pham Ngoc Mai, Squad Leader.

(C) Item 2: (2 pages, handwritten; B-3) Letter, dated 29 Dec 69, from Chuc in N1, to Thanh in N11 ((possibly N1 and N11 are Villages of southern Hoa Vang District, Quang-Da Special Zone)), reads in part as follows: "Since Chuc and I returned to V5 we have had many difficulties because the local residents refused to give us shelter. We had to hide in bushes during the night. Chuc became so frightened that he fled to V7 ((possibly Vung 7 in N1 Village)) on the night of 26 ((Dec 69)). Chuc and Dien were finally captured by enemy troops of "59" in their underground tunnel on 27 Dec 69. The enemy discovered their tunnel after questioning Muon, a 14-year old girl who was Dien's ((the cited captive)) sister. Another ((VC)) secret tunnel was also discovered by the enemy on the same day, and Nha and Moc were captured and four AK's were seized. Presently, only Trang, Luu Cuu, and I ((the writer)), are left. We had to take refuge at N4 ((possibly a village)) on the night of 27 Dec 69. Due to intense enemy activities, the people here refused to help us close our tunnel cover and they had filled up all underground tunnels ((in N1 Village)) with dirt. Self-camouflage of the tunnel in the remoted garden was difficult, ((after entering the tunnel)) and would not

ensure its safety ((from being discovered)) for a few days. You are therefore requested to provide us with recommendations to help us solve this problem." Document also reveals activities of 351 ((possibly 51st RVNAF Infantry Regiment)), 317th ((RVNAF)) Armor Cavalry Squadron, and 64th ((RVNAF)) Artillery Battalion in Vung ((Areas)) 1 through 7 of N1 ((Village)).

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