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SUBJ: (C) Starvation Reported by 240th Transportation Regiment, Corridor Department, Rear Service Staff Department, Headquarters, Military Region 5.

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(C) (3 pages, typewritten; B-3) Directive, dated 15 Dec 69, signed by Le Van, Political Officer of Unit 240 ((possibly 240th Transportation Regiment, Corridor Department, Rear Service Staff Department, Headquarters, Military Region 5)), reproduced by Nguyen Chi Thanh for the Command Committee of D.245 ((possibly 245th Battalion, 240th Transportation Regiment)), addressed to various Party Chapters and unit Command Committees, states that due to the enemy's ((US/RVNAF)) defoliation program, many rice fields were destroyed, which created poor living conditions for local residents. The ((VC)) collection and purchasing of rice in the area of responsibility ((of 240th Transportation Regiment)) was hindered, especially in the lowlands. Our ((VC)) regiment suffered a shortage of rice and manioc, and some combatants died from malnutrition.

In compliance with an order from the Military Region ((5)) Headquarters and a resolution adopted by the Party Committee of 503 ((possibly Rear Service Staff Department, Military Region 5)), addressees are instructed to: (1) improve farm production and prepare to counter the enemy's defoliant-spraying flight missions; and (2) properly maintain and conceal cereals, and issue 100 to 200 grams of rice to each man daily.

Constant guidance should be provided to combatants in order to eliminate their rightist tendencies, and motivate them to conserve provisions by using rice substitutes and implement all assigned rice transportation missions. In addition, cadre of Chapter Party Committees are to rigidly control the exchange and purchase of manioc, and also pay particular attention to the ((1969-70)) winter-spring crop.

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