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SUBJ: Preparations for the 1971 Dry Season Campaign, Sub-Region 5, COSVN. (U)

(C Apr 71) Item 1. (5 pages, typewritten; B-3) Directive 16/CT-K, dated 16 Sep 70, signed by Nguyễn Văn Trú for the Current Affairs Committee, Sub-Region ((5)), provides instructions governing the conduct of attacks during the rainy season ((possibly of 1970)) and preparations for the coming ((1971)) Dry Season ((Campaign)).

After outlining the enemy ((FWMAF/RVNAF)) situation and reviewing the friendly ((VC/NVA)) attacks conducted in Jul and Aug 70, document reveals that in addition to attacks designed to frustrate the enemy pacification plan, the development of friendly forces, and preparations for the coming dry season ((possibly 1971 dry season)), friendly units, sections, and agencies ((possibly of Sub-Region 5)) were to implement the following, in execution of Directive 14/CT-K:

- (1) Intensify the conduct of political indoctrination of and ideological guidance for cadre and members.
- (2) Check the implementation of village activity plans, emphasizing the following points: Frustration of the enemy pacification plan by the conduct of three-pronged attacks ((military, political, and military proselyting)); strengthening and development of friendly forces; collection of financial contributions; and motivation of the masses to support ((the VC/NVA)).
- (3) Strengthen and develop the friendly forces, stressing the activation of Four-Good-Quality Party Chapters, the training of sapper forces (each village is to activate one sapper cell, and each district, one sapper platoon), the motivation of the masses to take a stand against the enemy pacification activities, the proselyting of Puppet ((RVNAF)) soldiers' dependents, the planting of agents, and the recruitment of Party members.

Conduct political struggles and military proselyting activities in conjunction with counter-pacification activities and diplomatic activities designed to isolate the Thiệu-Kỳ-Khiêm clique, and rally those who want peace and neutrality.

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(5) Motivate the masses to boost farm production and contribute financial support.

(6) Strive to fulfill missions assigned during the rainy season in preparation for the coming Dry Season ((Campaign)). To this end, begin political indoctrination of and ideological guidance for cadre and members, urge the friendly forces to remain in their areas of operation, prepare adequate material for the battlefield, improve the qualifications of both the political and armed forces, and train the new recruits.

Document also reveals that districts and agencies of ((Sub-Region 5)) were to hold meetings to compare experiences and were to report the results of the implementation of the above tasks to A15 ((possibly Current Affairs Committee, Sub-Region 5, COSVN)) prior to 30 Oct 70.

A note on the upper left corner of the document reads: "Lai Thiêu and Comrade 5 Thuan."

(C-Mar 71) Item 2: (2 pages, typewritten; B-3) Directive 17/CT-K, dated 18 Sep 70, signed by Nguyen Van Truc ((see Item 1)), concerns the significance of the new diplomatic offensive phase.

Document states that to frustrate the US imperialists' cunning schemes and stubborn activities, to support the military and political struggles in SVN, and the struggles of the American people prior to the US Senatorial election in Nov 70, subordinate units, sections, and agencies are to participate in the new diplomatic offensive phase.

Friendly units, sections, and agencies are to help cadre and members, Party members, and the people to thoroughly comprehend that diplomatic struggles are one of the important tactics (military, political, and economic) which can turn Party policy into friendly strength.

To effectively carry out this phase of diplomatic struggles, its nature, significance, and purposes are to be widely publicized through radio broadcasts, newspapers, magazines, and leaflets in both the Friendly and enemy ((GVN)) controlled areas, in towns, cities, and in areas around enemy posts and towers in order to create a vociferous struggle in which enemy civil servants and soldiers will participate.

Document also states that, efforts are to be made to conduct attacks designed to frustrate the enemy's pacification activities, kill tyrants, undermine the enemy combat potential, and return people in enemy relocation camps to their native areas.