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SUBJ: Assessment of the Situation in SVN from Jul 69 to the First Phase of the 1969 Fall Campaign. Bien Hoa City Party Committee, VC Region 7. (U)

(U) (7 pages, typewritten) Circular, dated 25 Sep 69, signed by Phan Van Trang for the Current Affairs Committee of U ((possibly the Bien Hoa City Party Committee, VC Region 7)), reproduced by Dang Van Hung of F/370 ((possibly a subordinate district Party Committee)), provides excerpts from a recent directive of R ((possibly Headquarters, SVNLA)) concerning the situation in SVN from mid-Jul 69 to the 1st Phase of the ((1969)) Fall Campaign. This directive states that serious setbacks were experienced by the enemy ((FWMAF/RVNAF)) during the cited phase, particularly armor elements sustained heavy casualties and materiel losses. On the other hand, friendly forces ((VC/NVA)) had to cope with mounting difficulties due to intensive enemy sweep operations and attacks in disputed areas and fringe areas, which resulted in some ((VC/NVA)) casualties.

The directive notes that all VC military regions except VC Military Region 6, had completed the study of ((COSVN)) Resolution 9. However, in many areas and units, especially those at a low level, the dissemination of this resolution had been carried out only in a perfunctory manner.

The directive further points out that, generally speaking, combat achievements attained by friendly forces during the 1st Phase of the ((1969)) Fall Campaign were fairly satisfactory, especially in T6 and T10 ((VC Military Regions 6 and 10)), which had made considerable progress in ideology and combat capabilities.

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