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(C-Jun 71) (13 pages, typewritten; B-3) Training material, dated 1970, prepared for the signature of Nguyễn Phong of Đoàn 12, ((possibly aka Headquarters)), Sub-Region 4, ((VC Military Region 7)), extracted from Directive 40/CT ((possibly of COSVN)), consists of three parts:

Part 1 provides an assessment on enemy defeats and losses in SVN, NVN, Cambodia, and Laos, and particularly in T7 ((possibly VC Region 7)), during the period Mar to Jun 70. Part 1 also comments that although friendly ((VC/NVA)) units and agencies successfully caused losses to enemy forces and made progress in accomplishing the military proselyting task, conducting political struggles, and neutralizing enemy pacification activities, their accomplishments still did not meet the requirements prescribed by higher headquarters. Friendly units and agencies failed to promote mass uprisings and local guerrilla warfare, employ the three types of troops ((main force, local force, and guerrilla)), conduct three-pronged attacks, to consolidate armed forces, and recruit personnel for replacement. These weaknesses were due to inaccurate evaluation of the enemy situation, rightist tendencies, and passive attitudes.

Part 2 refers to forthcoming enemy activities, stating that although sustaining heavy losses and forced to de-escalate the war, the Americans would not abandon the Vietnamization program. They would provide financial aid and war material to K ((possibly Khmer, aka Cambodian)) troops; support Laos; and turn over their responsibility in Cambodia to the K and Puppet ((RVNAF)) troops. Expanding the war to Cambodia, the enemy had to disperse his troops thinly and turn over the control of rural areas in SVN to the People's Self-Defense Force and Regional Force whose combat capability was limited. The enemy expansion of the war to Cambodia, therefore, was a favorable opportunity for friendly units in SVN, especially in T7 ((possibly VC Region 7)), to intensify military attacks to kill more enemy troops and destroy his war material, leading to the disruption of his pacification and Vietnamization programs.

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Part 3 outlines missions to be accomplished in 1970, in accordance with Directive 07/CT of the Current Affairs Committee of COSVN. The main mission was to increase military attacks in order to cause heavy losses in personnel and war material to enemy units and to support the people's political struggles to neutralize the enemy pacification program. Military attacks were to be increased along with the strengthening of friendly forces in all fields. To attain these objectives, friendly units were to place emphasis on the recruitment of personnel for the replacement of district and province units, the construction of new fortifications, and the improvement of the morale of cadre and troops. Friendly units were also required to increase farm production for self-support, produce more weapons and ammunition, and strive to collect war booty. It was also mandatory that friendly units intensify military proselyting operations in coordination with people's political struggles and military attacks in all three areas. Friendly units in T ((possibly VC Region 7)), in particular, were to concentrate their military attacks in Long Thành, Nhân Trạch, Long Đất, Châu Đức, Trảng Bom, Định Quán, Xuân Lộc, and Cao Sù Districts.