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As US forces are slowly (protractedly) withdrawn, Communist efforts (COSVN directives) emphasize challenging pacification in the COSVN area while rebuilding and preparing forces.

Twenty-four captured COSVN messages list the Pacification Program as a key target.

Some measures to effect this aim include: (1) intensified youth recruitment, (2) improvement of Farmers Propaganda Programs, (3) destruction of GVN "infrastructure," (4) guerilla operations, (5) uninterrupted attacks, (6) destruction of the regional and popular forces, (7) intensification of political activities, (8) motivation campaigns for Communists, (9) recruitment and training of agents to penetrate Pacification apparatus, (10) assassination of GVN cadres, (11) cadre building and creation of covert agents, (12) encouragement of GVN desertions, (13) development of legal cadres, (14) promotion of anti-US movements, (15) rallying support of anti-Thieu groups, (16) infiltration of labor unions, (17) encouragement of noncompliance with GVN Agrarian Reform Program, and (18) sabotage of the economy.