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 (C) This report contains information obtained from an enemy document captured on 14 August 1970, and concerns political training material prepared by the Security Office, ((possibly of VC Military Region 5)). The training material, dated 30 July 1970, pertains to the countering of enemy psywar and Chieu Hoi activities and the missions and training of cadre.

INDOCTRINATION AND MOTIVATION OF THE PEOPLE
TO COUNTER ENEMY PSYWAR AND CHIEU HOI ((OPEN-ARMS)) ACTIVITIES

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I. DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEM.

Due to their failures, the US and Puppets ((RVNAF)) made every effort to intensify psywar and Chieu Hoi ((Open-Arms)) activities to undermine the morale and organization of the revolutionary forces in an attempt to reduce their combat potential. For this reason, the class struggle between the enemy ((FWMAF)) and ourselves will become fiercer.

To strengthen our troops' morale and our organizations and to continuously increase the combat capabilities of our three types of forces ((main, local, and guerrilla forces)), we must accelerate indoctrination and motivate a great number of people to struggle against the enemy and frustrate his schemes and psywar plans. This is an urgent and important political task of our revolutionary armed forces.

Many units still neglect this task. Many units have failed to properly and regularly carry out their missions recently. Because of this results were unsatisfactory. We must correct the above shortcomings and realize the importance of the task. In addition, we must motivate the people (including our troops and guerrillas) frequently and intensively to participate in the struggles against enemy psywar and Chieu Hoi activities.

II. TO OBTAIN BETTER RESULTS IN INDOCTRINATION AND MOTIVATION OF THE PEOPLE, WE MUST THOROUGHLY UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. Purpose and requirements. All forms of indoctrination are intended to:

a. Make cadre and soldiers realize the enemy's cunning schemes and the reactionary characteristics of his psywar activities, to enable them to distinguish friends from foes, promote their resentment, and motivate them to counter enemy psywar plans.

b. Enhance the proletariat viewpoint, revolutionary awareness, virtue and pride, and the class struggle spirit to counter enemy psywar activities.

To eradicate illusions of peace created by enemy schemes ((deceptive propaganda)), we should prevent our troops and cadre from being influenced by enemy propaganda themes and taking reactionary actions under his guidance. In addition, we must encourage the people and command cadre to increase their vigilance and eliminate passive rightism in order to counter the influence of enemy psywar activities.

c. Through indoctrination, we must make the people understand the purposes and requirements of their missions, and the guidelines of ((class)) struggles in order to motivate them to voluntarily take part

in struggles designed to counter the enemy psywar and Chiêu Hồi activities and betrayals by defectors.

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2. Contents: No matter what method of indoctrination is applied, we must accomplish the following:

a. Unmask the enemy schemes and make the people realize the true characteristics of enemy psywar activities and the nature of the reactionary clique, placing emphasis on its purposes and cunning schemes. We must also explain the ~~disastrous~~ consequences produced by the enemy's psywar influence (in the ideological, political, and organizational fields) to the people. In addition, make the people realize that the enemy has many shortcomings and has committed serious errors, and that his psywar activities have been initially successful due to our negligence, rather than his talents.

b. Meticulously instruct the people on precautionary measures against enemy psywar activities and on how to counteract them. All people must fully comprehend the significance and effect of our prescribed precautionary measures and regulations so that they will implement them properly. We must believe in our own strength, and in the people's capabilities to frustrate the enemy's psywar plans.

Notice: To heighten the people's fighting spirit, indoctrination ~~must emphasize~~ the positive application of precautionary measures against psywar activities and take the initiative to attack the enemy.

3. Methods: In all cases indoctrination must utilize the following techniques.

a. Initiate ideological struggles (by encouraging our personnel to participate honestly in critique and self-critique sessions concerning their deep thoughts).

b. Give realistic arguments. (Indoctrinate using realistic examples set by our personnel, our unit, or neighboring units to increase our strengths and correct our weaknesses.)

c. Rely on the people, employ the people to indoctrinate others, and avoid a domineering attitude during indoctrination.

d. Improve our personnel's ideological concept during indoctrination and apply specific measures for implementation.

III. SPECIFIC METHODS OF INDOCTRINATION.

There are many methods and forms of indoctrination, but we must frequently apply the following two primary methods:

a. Regular indoctrination.

b. Irregular indoctrination.

1. Method of conducting irregular indoctrination:

This method is applied in case of necessity. When conditions

allow , a unit may conduct a meeting during which all personnel are indoctrinated on motivating and guiding the people to counter enemy psywar activities.

Cadre of subordinate units will participate in these meetings.

They will last from one-and-a-half to two days.

To ensure good results the indoctrination must consist of the following phases.

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Preparation phase.

a. We must follow up and examine enemy psywar and Chieu Hoi activities conducted in our units' operational areas, and the results of these activities which affect our units. What was the influence of the enemy's activities on our units? What elements or individuals have been influenced? Were there serious consequences? How aware are the cadre of enemy strategy? How vigilant are they? What countermeasures have been taken against the enemy? What are our strengths and weaknesses in leadership and execution ((of Party policy)))? (Pay attention to the individual's behavior and actions).

The above points should be well understood to facilitate appropriate indoctrination for our cadre and personnel.

Investigate the objective and choose key cadre to develop the proper spirit of critique and self-critique which makes the indoctrination session profitable and encourages the people to struggle and distinguish right from wrong.

We should select key cadre who have a strong concept of right and wrong and have the capabilities of persuading ((the people)). These individuals should be carefully studied and ideologically motivated so that they become aware of their right and wrong attitudes and thoughts and will boldly make self-critique statements before the people. Thus, we will gain good results. In training cadre, we should never let them know our intention of making them key cadre but only help them acquire a political awareness.

b. Hold Chapter Party Committee meetings to assess the influence of the enemy's psywar activities over our internal organizations. Point out the strong and weak points of each Party Chapter, Chapter Party Committee, and Chapter Party Committee member, including the cause. (Chapter Party Committee members must first make self-critiques, initiate ideological struggles in the Chapter Party Committee); and specify the contents, methods, and the resolution of leading the masses.

c. Hold Party Chapter meetings to assess the situation and causes of the strong and weak points in the leadership of Party Chapters, Chapter Party Committees, and each Chapter Party Committee member. Specify the responsibility of each Party Chapter. ((Each Party member)) must exercise self-consciousness, set examples, and effectively guide the people in political indoctrination sessions.

d. Hold Group Chapter meetings to promote enthusiasm and specify everyone's responsibility in the political indoctrination.

Duration of meeting:

For Chapter Party Committee: From two to three hours
(one night)

For Party Chapter: From two to three hours (one
night)

For Group Chapter: One hour.

Meetings of Chapter Party Committees, Party Chapters, and Group Chapters must be held prior to the official dates of political indoctrination sessions.

Conduct a political indoctrination phase in the company.

This phase encompasses the following steps:

(a) Preliminary step, in which we should neither give lessons nor cover the requirements and purposes, but specify that everybody should be responsible for motivating the masses to oppose the enemy's psywar activities.

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Questions should be raised for cell members to discuss.

(b) Discussion in the cells:

The discussion consists of three parts:

First part: Discussion on the enemy's psywar activities and its adverse consequences.

Second part: Make critique and self-critique statements to recognize right and wrong concepts and clearly understand the influence of enemy psywar activities on our internal organizations and its consequences. In this way, we should also set forth some matters for our comrades to make critiques and self-critiques. (Employ key cadre so that this part is satisfactorily conducted.)

Third part: Set forth countermeasures against the enemy's psywar activity, discuss and seek proper measures to strengthen our determination, and implement the above countermeasures. (Inspire the people to make suggestions.)

GENERAL CONCLUSION OF THE ENTIRE UNIT

THIS CONCLUSION CONSISTS OF TWO PARTS:

1. After discussing the first part, it is necessary to hold a meeting, draw conclusions, and make an analysis to make cadre thoroughly understand the enemy. (This is a basis for the discussion in the second part.)

2. A general conclusion should be drawn after cell members have discussed the third part. The contents of the conclusion should be aimed at:

Emphasizing the enemy's psywar activities and plans (if a conclusion on the enemy situation has been drawn).

Carefully studying the adverse effects of ((the enemy's psywar activities)) on our internal organization, the friendly shortcomings and errors, and using real facts and individuals for critique and self-critique statements in order to make our comrades clearly understand right and wrong concepts and for prescribing specific preventive and counter-measures for everybody to execute.

Schedule for company activities: 13 hours (one day).

Lecture: 30 minutes

Discussion of the cells on Part 1:

Three hours and 30 minutes.

Conclusion of Part 1:

One hour and 30 minutes

Discussion of Part 2:

Three hours

Discussion of Part 3:

Two hours

General conclusion:

Three hours

All units can conduct the above indoctrination method while they continue to strengthen themselves.

In addition, this training can also be conducted when unfortunate events occur. For example, when the enemy conducts "Chiêu Hồi" activities to call upon our troops to surrender.

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.... When the enemy directly attacks the unit or conducts psywar activities (using loudspeakers to appeal to us, spreading leaflets, etc. ((sic))), the unit Party Committee members must urge the people's struggle to unmask the enemy in accordance with its leadership plan. This does not take much time but must be carried out promptly so as to curb the bad influence of the enemy psywar activities. We must immediately correct the ideology of those who are weak and take measures against enemy activities and traitors.

2. The method of regular indoctrination:

This method is very important. Its purpose is to regularly prevent

and promptly correct erroneous thoughts and heighten the vigilance ((of cadre and soldiers)), provided that the leadership is always close.

The indoctrination must be coordinated with the unit's political activities. To increase the effect of the regular indoctrination courses, the indoctrination must also be carried out in Party conferences (including meetings of Group Chapters and Group Sub-Chapters), military congresses, weekly meetings of three-man cells, a and b ((squad and platoon)) meetings, and to recapitulate activities after each activity phase, battle, and mission of the unit. In each contingent meeting, we must increase the pattern of activity and improve the political indoctrination.

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Questions for discussion:

1. Why does the enemy strive to increase his psywar and Chieu Hoi activities during the last stage of the war while he suffers greater failures?
2. What are the malicious and dangerous characteristics of the enemy's overt and covert psywar and Chieu Hoi activities? How do they adversely affect us?
3. What is your comment on such psywar and Chieu Hoi activities as appealing to us with loudspeakers, over radio, and through letters and leaflets? What do you think about them?
4. What have you and your unit done to counter the psywar and Chieu Hoi activities? Among the measures taken by you and your unit, which is the most practical and effective measure?

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