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SUBJ: Directive on the Training of All Branches of the Military Forces in Sapper Tactics, by the Political Staff, 3rd NVA Division, VC Military Region 5. (U)

(U) (3 pages, typewritten; B-3) Directive 309/A20, dated ((day and month unspecified)) 1969, prepared for the signature of the Commanding Officer of Unit 492 ((possibly Political Staff, 3rd NVA Division, VC Military Region 5)), provides guidelines for the improvement and development of sapper units of the Nong Truong ((possibly Nong Truong 3, aka 3rd NVA Division)).

Nong Truong needed sapper units to raid the US and Puppet ((RVNAF)) defensive positions such as Deo Nguyen and Con Ru, with strengths of about 100 men each, or on temporary field positions with simple defense systems in forests, on hills, or in flat areas. Therefore, attention was to be focussed on familiarizing infantry units, engineer units, reconnaissance units, artillery units, antiaircraft units, and security guard units with sapper tactics, techniques, and strategy. Cadre of various units were to receive training at the sapper unit of E ((Regiment)), from the sapper staff officer of the regiment, and from specialized cadre of sapper units. After graduation, these cadre were to return to conduct sapper training for their own units.

The teaching of sapper tactics to all arms of military forces was a pressing combat requirement of Nong Truong, and was to be completed by the end of 1969. For E2 ((possibly 2nd Regiment, 3rd NVA Division)), the training was to be completed by 15 Jan 70.

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