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15. SUMMARY:

(C) This report contains information obtained from enemy documents and concerns two letters, one signed by 2 Tung and addressed to the Command Committee of X1 ((possibly a dispensary of Binh Thuan Province Unit, VC Military Region 6)) and the other from Huong to Tri and Khanh ((possibly of the Rear Service Section, Binh Thuan Province Unit)). The letters, one dated 16 October 1970 and the other undated, reveal that the Rear Service Section was experiencing a severe shortage of rice as a result of enemy ((FVMAF/RVNAF)) sweep operations. Rice was to be procured immediately in Ham Phu (Village).

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((From:)) Tung

TO THE COMMAND COMMITTEE OF X1
 ((POSSIBLY A DISPENSARY))

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The ((rear service)) section is no longer able to provide ((your)) BX ((possibly dispensary)) with rice as you have requested. Therefore, you should assign personnel here to receive unhusked rice. Rice is no longer supplied ((by VC rear service elements)) in Hām Liêm ((Village, Hām Thuận District, Bình Thuận Province, VC Region 6)) because (Brother Báy Cao moved all ((rear service)) elements out of Hām Liêm on 10 Oct 70).

You should assign personnel to procure rice in this area. The rear service section depot has no more rice. Besides this, there is no one to husk rice for the depot, and all units are to procure unhusked rice and husk it themselves. If you are short of rice, you should borrow it from anyone you can. Assign personnel to come here to receive unhusked rice in order to repay the ((husked)) rice they borrowed.

You should assign Comrades Trí Nho and Nghiêp to the ((rear service)) section to assume another task.

We should assign them to husk rice for your dispensary. However, You should tell ((your commander))

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that they are being sent to the section to receive a ((new)) task ((and not to husk rice)).

The section is no longer able to issue additional hypodermic needles, bandages, and garments (because it is running out of money to purchase these supplies).

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To Brothers Trí and Khanh.

I have not seen Brother Tung so I could not give him your letter. I have also informed him of our rice shortage. He advised me that we should borrow five gia ((one gia equals 36 kilograms)) of rice from Brother Bien's depot, and that we should go to Hām Phú ((Village, Hām Thuận District, Bình Thuận Province, VC Region 6)) to husk rice for our use. Lê, Vah, and I have moved to Hām Phú to receive rice for husking. I request you to assign some additional men immediately to go with us to husk rice more rapidly and transport it back for use.)

If not, we may suffer from famine because of enemy sweep operations.

I should have kept Xuân with me, but he was to transport rice to you, because Trung could not do it. You should immediately send personnel to Hām Phú to transport husked rice. They should carry winnowing baskets with them to winnow

out the chaff from the grains of rice. The rice bags which Thanh brought to you should also be returned to me

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to store rice in. Comrade Hanh has fulfilled his assigned rice task here. Comrade Trung performed his task for only a few days, then stated he was ill. Therefore, I will arrange to send him back to you. I request that another comrade be assigned to replace him in his present ((rice husking)) work.

I must stop here. I can only report to you the above information, because I am so hard pressed for time. I will forward additional information to you in the next letter.

16 Oct 70

/S/ Huong

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