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SUBJ: Intensification of Security Procedures by an Element of VC Military Region 5, (U)

(U) Item 1: (6 pages, typewritten; B-3) Circular 74/G4, dated 7 Nov 70, prepared by Unit 501 ((possibly aka the Political Staff Department, VC Military Region 5)), provides guidelines for the implementation of Directive 70 adopted by the Current Affairs Committee of the ((VC)) Region ((5)) Party Committee, concerning the motivation of the unit personnel to counter enemy ((FWMAF/RVNAF)) psywar, espionage, and Chieu-Hoi activities,

The document states that subordinate units were to concentrate their efforts on eliminating such weaknesses as lack of vigilance, loose observance of security regulations, and signs of negative and rightists outlooks. They were to expose enemy schemes to their personnel so that they would increase their vigilance. In addition, actions should be taken to prevent desertions and betrayals.

A marginal note indicates that the document was forwarded to the ((VC)) Quang Nam ((Province Unit, VC Military Region 5)).

(U) Item 2: (15 pages, typewritten; B-3) Draft of a security guide, incomplete, undated, prepared by Unit 501 ((see Item 1)), outlines security procedures to be adopted by local force and guerrilla units.

The document reveals that in 1969, friendly ((VC)) guerrillas captured 320 enemy personnel (including 117 ((RVN)) intelligence personnel). The number of ((VC)) defections decreased as compared with those in previous years. However, a number of weaknesses remained, including: security procedures were unsatisfactory in certain local force and guerrilla units; desertion, defection, and self-mutilation were prevalent in friendly units; and poor ideological guidance was displayed. In addition, efforts were not made to motivate the masses to counter enemy psywar, intelligence, and Chieu-Hoi activities. Subordinate units were to intensify political indoctrination for cadre and soldiers. They were to carefully investigate the political background of their personnel. From now ((unspecified)) until the First Quarter of 1971, subordinate units were to initiate a phase during which non-Party members should be guided on the mission of countering enemy intelligence and psywar activities. In addition, they were to formulate plans to provide guidance for security tasks from now until the First Quarter of 1971. Emphasis should be placed on the improvement of security guard cadre.

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