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(C-Oct 72) Item 1: (24 pages, handwritten; B-3) Notebook, with entries dated between 13 Mar and 26 Apr 72, maintained by an unspecified member of ((Armed Reconnaissance)) Unit II, ((possibly a district Party Committee, Cán Thở Province, VC Region 3)), contains minutes of meetings ((9 pages)), a lesson on the recruitment, training and employment of covert security agents ((7 pages)), and a letter from COSVN ((8 pages)) concerning the situations of the friendly ((VC/NVA)) and enemy ((FWMAF/RVNAF)) sides from the 1971 dry season to date ((unspecified)) and the determination of the ((Lao Động)) Party to frustrate the Vietnamization plan.

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An undated entry reveals that a meeting was held on 1 Apr 72 with the participation of 14 members of three Party Chapters to study a letter from COSVN, and make necessary preparations for penetration by ((Armed Reconnaissance)) Unit II into Thanh Hóa Village ((possibly vic WR770970)) on the night of 7 Apr 72. These preparations included the purchase of grenades and ammunition, and the concealment of rice and medical supplies.

A subsequent entry reveals that a meeting was convened to study experiences gained during the penetration of ((Armed Reconnaissance)) Unit II ((into Thanh Hóa Village)) on the night of 7 Apr 72, during which the Unit Leader was KIA. An entry, dated 19 Apr 72, reveals that the area of operation of ((Armed Reconnaissance)) Unit II was in Thanh Hóa Village. An attack by this unit on a ((RVN)) police station in this area on an unspecified date was unsuccessful due to a lack of prior information. During the period from 20 to 30 Apr 72, ((Armed Reconnaissance)) Unit II was scheduled to (1) reconnoiter the cited police station for further action; (2) coordinate with an unspecified district element to kill two chiefs of the local ((GVN)) People's Self Defense Inter-Groups and one assistant chief; (3) persuade a ((GVN)) hamlet chief ((to work for the VC side)); and (4) recruit two new members in the urban area.

(U) Item 2: (1 page, typewritten; B-3) Letter, dated 10 Dec 71, with the signature block of Hai Thiét, Chief of the Security Section of U ((possibly meaning U3, aka the VC Rach Giá Province Party Committee, VC Region 3)), reproduced by M.68 ((unspecified)) on 2 Feb 72, addressed to the Security Section of ((VC)) An Biên District ((Party Committee, Rach Giá Province, VC

Region 3)), praises the achievements of an armed reconnaissance unit subordinate to the Security Section of ((VC)) An Biên District ((Party Committee, Rach Giá Province, VC Region 3)) in assassinating Đặng Thanh Lôi and Cán, members of the ((RVN)) 11th Sub-Sector, on the night of 25 Sep 71. This armed reconnaissance unit was recommended for a Third Class Military Exploit Medal for the cited achievement. The security Section of V ((possibly meaning the VC An Biên District Party Committee)) was instructed to submit achievement reports on each member to this unit for appropriate commendation.

Handwritten note on the document indicate that this letter was addressed to Can Tho ((Province)) on 13 Mar 72. A copy of the letter was forwarded to B7 ((unspecified)) on 14 Mar ((72)) as indoctrination material.