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In July 1972 ~~the~~ the Central Office for South Vietnam (COSVN) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ordered Ba Ria sub-region to upgrade civilian proselyting activities immediately so that when "third phase~~x~~ attacks" begin in August the VC will be able to gain support from the civilian populace. According to the COSVN statement, third phase attacks against Phuoc Tuy Province are to emphasize sapper activities. Attacks on GVN officials, including assassinations and abductions, and sabotage are to be of primary importance in this phase. The COSVN instructions stressed the need for civilian ~~x~~ support, particularly from women and children, in transporting and cashing explosives and in concealing sapper infiltrates.