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SUBJ: Newsletter From the NVA High Command on the Military Situation in RVN Quang Tri Province. (U)

(C-Feb 73) Items 1-2: (3 pages, typewritten; B-3) Circular, dated 1 Nov 72, with the signature block of Dan of the Political Section ((possibly of the Vinh Long Province Unit, VC Military Region 3)), states that a newsletter from the ((NVA)) High Command concerning the military situation in ((RVN)) Quang Tri Province, was forwarded to all subordinate units for study. The newsletter claims that after 80 days of continuous fighting, the people and armed elements of Quang Tri Province defeated the enemy ((RVNAF)) Lam Sơn 727 Operation that began on 28 Jun 72 and intended to recapture the province from the friendly ((VC/NVA)) side. More than 23,000 enemy personnel were either killed or captured, and a large portion of the enemy general reserve force was pinned down in the Quang Tri area. The addressees are instructed to conduct political indoctrination sessions to make their members fully understand that the pinning down of a large portion of the enemy forces in Quang Tri Province constituted a favorable condition for the friendly forces in other battlefields throughout the country to defeat the enemy's Vietnamization plan, and that the recent withdrawal of the friendly forces from Quang Tri Province Capital did not mean that they were weak. Instead, such a withdrawal enabled the friendly forces to successfully carry out their missions of foiling the enemy counter-attack and pinning down enemy regular forces in the Quang Tri area.