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15. SUMMARY:

(U) This report contains information obtained from enemy documents and concerns a circular, an excerpt of political material and a letter. The circular, provides guidance for the implementation of Directive 20/H concerning urgent requirements for having all members within Sub-Region 5 understand their missions after a cease-fire goes into effect. Excerpt from political material, states that the present ((VC/NVA)) offensive campaign is creating favorably conditions for the friendly ((VC/NVA)) side. The letter, signed by Lê Bằng, Deputy Field Grade Political Officer of Sub-Region 5, praises the Châu Thành and Lái Thiêu District Units for successful escort of PWs to Sub-Region 5 ((HQ)) during the period 9 to 11 Oct 72.

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POLITICAL STAFF, SUB-REGION 5

GUIDANCE

(for the implementation of Directive 20/H)

In implementing Directive 20/H, a political indoctrination phase must be conducted for all members of the sub-region to make them fully understand the contents of the directive and to ensure that they attain success. To do so, the following requirements should be fulfilled:

- I. Make cadre and troops understand the spirit of our political solution, which includes the following
 1. The US is to end the war, withdraw all their troops as well as satellite troops from SVN, resign from any military involvement in SVN, and respect the SVN people's right of self-determination.
 2. The US is to recognize the existence of the PRG and SVNLA and accept the Government of National Concord that it has not wanted.
 3. It is also to be responsible for the national reconstruction and war compensation.
- II. Make cadre and troops understand that this is our historic victory, marking the turning point of the revolution which greatly affects the people in our country as well as the people in Indochina and revolutionary movements throughout the world.
- III. Indoctrinate cadre and troops to realize that the existence of two governments ((meaning the GVN and PRG)) and two armies ((meaning the RVNAF and SVNLA)) in SVN ((after the signing of a cease-fire)) will lead to endless struggles ((between both sides)).
- IV. Indoctrinate cadre and troops on being aware of enemy schemes and the missions of friendly armed forces.
 1. Enemy schemes:

Though bitterly defeated and forced to de-escalate the war, the enemy has not yet renounced his basic scheme of implementing neocolonialism in SVN. Therefore, he has resorted to ever more cunning schemes; he is intensifying his psywar and espionage activities to destroy our forces.
 2. Missions of friendly armed forces:

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Make all cadre and soldiers realize that as they are members of the armed forces of the Party, they should always heighten their vigilance and should be combat ready against any enemy attempt to re-wage the war.

Before the signing of a cease-fire agreement, all unit members should fully understand the military activity plan of the sub-region headquarters to be implemented in Oct ((72)) in order to accomplish their main missions assigned by the Party.

From now until the time after the cease-fire, they must keep on spreading propaganda among the people, carry out military proselyting activities, and fully understand and implement the "four do's and four don't's". Units must strengthen their class awareness, indoctrinate and make cadre and soldiers differentiate between enemies and friends, and increase their revolutionary vigilance.

B. Time requirements

In the current situation, the military missions of various units are extremely important and urgent. ((To be able to succeed in the military field)), they need to make a firm political stand. So upon receipt of the directive ((possibly Directive No. 20/H)), all Party committee echelons and command committees should make a specific plan for disseminating it to even the lowest levels. Subordinate companies must disseminate the directive to their subordinates within three days, staffs and battalions within five days, and district and town units within one week.

Noteworthy matters

Fully understand the directive and attend to the guidance of the Party committee members, command cadre, and agents.

Always hold meetings, especially Party caucuses, to keep abreast of the situation of friendly forces to discover and correct their erroneous thoughts in time. Properly assess the situation and collect information on friendly victories to disseminate to cadre and soldiers.

Adhere to the principles of submitting reports to and requesting instructions from higher echelons, and follow up the ideological evolution of soldiers for timely correctness.

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Political Staff, Sub-Region ((5))

EXCERPT ((from political material))

1. The present ((VC/NVA)) offensive campaign is creating favorable conditions for the friendly ((VC/NVA)) side. Therefore, all friendly forces must step up their military, political, and military proselyting activities to seize opportunities to gain great victories. All echelons must exert great efforts to overcome difficulties caused by the weather, safeguard rear service supplies, and protect their installations in ((the rural areas)). Cadre and troops in rural areas must be strongly motivated to advance forward to gain a decisive victory for the Revolution during this important period of time.

a. From now until the day that a cease-fire goes into effect, all ((VC/NVA)) echelons must stall for time to increase political, military, and military proselyting activities in order to facilitate the development of friendly armed elements in rural areas, especially those situated along communication lines and surrounding cities and towns as prescribed by the plan.

b. Specific plans must be worked out by each locality to deal with the enemy in his schemes of reoccupying or encroaching upon our liberated areas and breaking the ((cease-fire)) agreement.

2. The following combat requirements must be fulfilled by the friendly military forces after the cease-fire goes into effect:

a. We must encircle and divide the enemy in all large cities, towns and key positions. We must blockade his important communication lines and enlarge our own. We must protect our supply and liaison corridors to create a strong mutual support among the friendly forces.

b. The ((VC/NVA)) sapper, special action, and artillery units must increase attacks against enemy key agencies, POL dumps, military training schools and camps, airfields, and ammunition depots in order to cause great confusion to the enemy and decrease his combat efficiency.

c. According to the activity plan prescribed by Sub-Region 5, Headquarters, SVNLA, the Main Force units must closely coordinate with the Local Forces to increase attacks against the enemy and enlarge liberated areas. Main Force regiments must be deployed in local areas to support the local people's political struggle. Plans for coordinated actions between Main Force and Local Force units must be worked out by the steering committee in each locality.

d. Cadre and combatants of the armed forces must be indoctrinated so that they can clearly understand the significance of the campaign and know how to conduct propaganda among the people and motivate them to struggle. Security maintenance measures and diversionary tactics must also be mentioned in the indoctrination so that troop locations and bases for leadership cannot be discovered by the enemy.

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In conclusion, the requirement of our present activity plan is that from now to the day when the cease-fire goes into effect, we should exert every effort to turn the situation in our favor. We should try to isolate and split the enemy forces and gradually encroach upon his land. Our armed forces must have a firm foothold in local areas, and be deployed in such a way that they can provide mutual support and be ready to enter a new phase.

3. After the cease-fire agreement is signed, the negotiations between both sides will continue to settle important military and political differences. Therefore, we should exert heavy military and political pressure to compel the enemy to accept the policies and proposed ((peace)) solutions in our favor. In conjunction with political and military proselyting activities, subordinate Party committees and military agencies should make all efforts to consolidate Main Forces and further strengthen Local, militia and guerrilla forces including our secret force operating in enemy controlled areas. According to Directive 6, we should provide close leadership over cadre in local areas and increase rear service supplies, insuring that our armed forces have supplies enough for one month's use. We should also develop and consolidate our base areas during the present and future time.

4. To successfully implement the cited missions, subordinate Party committees and military agencies should carefully study the directive concerning military activities adopted by the SVNLA. They should closely coordinate military activities with political and military proselyting activities. While attacking the enemy, they should strengthen their forces in all aspects, develop control in areas, and consolidate liberated and base areas. Their leadership over the implementation of the activity plan mentioned above must be unified, and implementation methods must be appropriate with the situation in each locality.

We must regularly control the implementation method to keep pace with the evolution of the situation and obtain the greatest victory for the Revolution.

20 Oct 72.

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SVNLA

Political Staff, Sub-Region 5

No. 51/DV

To district units and various battalions and companies subordinate to the sub-region:

Subject: pertaining to the successful escort of PWs to Sub-Region 5 HQ by Châu Thành and Lai Thiêu District Units:

The Châu Thành District Unit not only succeeded in escorting PWs to the sub-region camp twice between 9 and 11 Oct 72, but also helped the Lai Thiêu District Unit in this task. The district unit has consolidated its escorting unit and improved its specialized skills, successfully carrying out this task despite the shortage of personnel.

Because of the shortage of personnel strength, the Lai Thiêu District Unit has closely coordinated with higher units and successfully escorted PWs from deep areas to the detention camp.

A citation is recommended for the two above mentioned district units for their good examples in complying with the policies toward PWs and defectors.

At present, we are successfully implementing the campaign ((unspecified)) and motivating the people to coordinate with the friendly forces to destroy the enemy by launching three-pronged attacks against him. Thus, our forces will be more powerful and have new capabilities to destroy the enemy. The number of enemy ((RVNAF)) deserters and PWs from RVNAF Regular, Regional and Popular Forces is greater.

The Sub-Region 5 HQ reminds subordinate district units, battalions and companies of current procedures for delivery of PWs to C518, aka the PW camp of Sub-Region 5. The standing committee is to guide all escorting units to escort and deliver PWs to the C518 Camp.

The following are necessary regulations:

1. Deliver and receive PWs at the ((former)) sub-region PW camp.
2. The camp will not receive seriously wounded PWs, enemy deserters, suspects, spy and intelligence agents, and ((GVN)) pacification and People's Self-Defense Force members. Those PWs, who are captured on battlefields, will be evacuated to local units or authorized agencies.
3. A three-day salt and rice reserve must be made for each PW for any emergency. The food reserve should not include that to be consumed during the trip.
4. The PWs' dossiers as well as the lists of their belongings must be submitted to the PW camp.

Various district units, battalions and companies should correctly implement the prescribed regulations.

15 Oct 72

For the Sub-Region 5 HQ

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