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SUBJ: Directive on the Cease-Fire, VC Region 4 Party Committee. (U)

(C-Apr 73) (2 pages, typewritten; B-3) Directive, dated 24 Oct 72, originated by the Party Committee of T4 aka ((VC)) Region 4 ((aka Saigon - Cho'lon - Giadinh Region)), addressed to subordinate agencies and district Party committees, states that although the Americans have agreed on the basic terms of the peace proposal, presented by the friendly side ((NVN Government)), they still hesitate ((to sign the cease-fire agreement)). However, they plan to stop their bombing and mining ((of seaports)) in NVN. Also, the enemy ((FWMAF/RVNAF)) will unilaterally cease fire in SVN at 1100 hours on 28 Oct 72 ((Hanoi time; 1200 hours on 28 Oct 72 Saigon time)). Despite the fact that the enemy may be driven to the first possibility ((meaning to accept the peace terms proposed by the NVN Government)), friendly ((VC/NVA)) forces within T4 are to increase their vigilance and implement the following:

- (1) If the Americans and Puppet ((RVN)) Government announce the cease-fire and bring it into effect on 28 Oct 72, friendly forces will also conduct an in-place cease-fire and stop all military activities.
- (2) After the cease-fire, friendly forces will hold their assigned areas of operation and deploy their troops as planned. They are to continue to keep their locations, personnel strengths, weapon status, and cover designations secret. They are to be ready to counteract if the enemy attacks them, encroaches on ((VC)) liberated areas, or clears routes of communication under ((VC)) control.
- (3) Friendly forces are to operate in separate platoons so that each unit can occupy several hamlets and control several routes of communication. Friendly forces are also to be deployed in such a way that they can provide mutual support.
- (4) From now ((24 Oct 72)) until the signing of the cease-fire agreement, friendly forces are to increase their military, political, and military proselyting activities to expand liberated areas, control routes of communication, destroy the enemy's war potential, disband ((RVNAF)) troops, and develop revolutionary organizations. They are to infiltrate assigned ((RVN)) areas ((to be taken by them)) and hold the areas under any circumstances.

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(5) When the cease-fire comes into effect, friendly forces are to consolidate newly-liberated areas and support the populace in ((GVN )) controlled areas to break the enemy's oppressive grip.

(6) From now on, friendly forces are to regularly listen to friendly and enemy broadcasts. If both the Americans and the Puppet Government announce a unilateral cease-fire, friendly forces are to strictly implement the instructions outlined in this directive. If the Americans announce the cease-fire and the Puppet Government does not announce it, friendly forces are to continue fighting.

Friendly personnel should realize that the cease-fire is only one phase of the SVN Revolution, in other words helping friendly forces attain a total victory.

This directive is to be urgently disseminated among cadre at company, battalion, and district levels so that they can immediately make their subordinate personnel fully aware of the present crucial and opportune time, in order to enable them to effectively cope with the current evolution of the situation.

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