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1. DURING THE LATTER HALF OF JUNE 1962 MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED UNARMED VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS (VC) ENTERED THE SAIGON AREA AND WERE LIVING IN THE HOMES OF FELLOW VC IN THE FOURTH AND EIGHT DISTRICTS OF SAIGON. (FIELD COMMENT. THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION MAY BE THE SAME AS THAT OF FVS-7681 (TDCS-3/517,156) WHICH REPORTED THAT BETWEEN THREE AND FIVE HUNDRED VC TERRORISTS AND SABOTAGE AGENTS HAD BEEN INFILTRATED INTO THE CAPITAL AREA.)

2. THE VC DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR GO VAP (N 10-49, E 106-40) SENT AN ARMED PLATOON TO THE CITY TO OPERATE AS SPECIAL OPERATIONS CELLS.

3. A VC CADRE, AFTER TAKING A TRAINING COURSE IN LOC THUAN, TAY NINH PROVINCE, WAS SENT TO SAIGON TO SET UP A BASE AMONG LABORERS

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TO BE USED FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS.

4. FORTY VC GUERRILLAS BETWEEN 14 AND 16 YEARS OF AGE HAD COME TO SAIGON TO CONDUCT SABOTAGE AND KIDNAPPINGS OF GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM AND U.S. PERSONNEL.

5. AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT SAID THAT BRIGADIER GENERAL NGUYEN TRONG DINH HAD BEEN APPOINTED COMMANDER OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM LIBERATION ARMY IN ORDER TO LAUNCH A LARGE-SCALE ATTACK DURING THE VC FALL AND WINTER CAMPAIGN. (FIELD COMMENT. POSSIBLY MAJOR GENERAL NGUYEN TRONG VINH, DEPUTY OF NGHE AN PROVINCE TO THE SECOND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLES GOVERNMENT OF NORTH VIETNAM, IS MEANT.)

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