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INTRODUCTION

The Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV), waging a war without established fronts against enemies adept at concealing themselves in the landscape and among the people, had great difficulty finding the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong and determining their strength, capabilities, and vulnerabilities. Yet the command was slow to develop its own intelligence arm. Until the introduction of U.S. combat units in late 1965, the MACV J2 section was concerned primarily with advising, supporting, and training South Vietnamese military intelligence and possessed few collection and analysis resources with which to supplement or evaluate the limited and less than reliable flow of information from its allies. With U.S. troops committed to battle, the need for a stronger MACV intelligence effort became both evident and urgent. Major General Joseph A. McChristian, assistant chief of staff, J2 of MACV from mid-1965 through mid-1967, directed a rapid buildup of U.S. intelligence units and personnel, both in Saigon and in the field. A veteran of the anti-guerrilla campaign in Greece after World War II and a former G2 of U.S. Army, Pacific, McChristian aggressively expanded MACV's collection, production, and use of intelligence. His successors, Major Generals Philip B. Davidson and William E. Potts, continued and enlarged upon his work.

McChristian, besides expanding U.S. intelligence resources, placed major emphasis on combined activities. He realized that to capitalize fully on U.S. advantages of organization, technology, and trained manpower, he must supplement them with the superior knowledge of the enemy, terrain, and people possessed by the South Vietnamese. To bring together the allies' complementary strengths, McChristian envisioned working "not merely in an advisory role, but side by side with the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces as equals in a partnership." He planned to establish, with the South Vietnamese, combined facilities for the collection of information from all available sources and for the production of intelligence that would benefit both nations' armed forces.

McChristian and his counterpart, Colonel Ho Van Loi, J2 of the South Vietnamese Joint General Staff (JGS) during 1965 and early 1966, established a series of combined military intelligence agencies. Each operated under a formal U.S.-South Vietnamese agreement, and each had American and Vietnamese co-directors and was staffed by personnel from both countries. A Combined Military Interrogation Center conducted all questioning of important prisoners and defectors and disseminated the resulting information. A Combined Document Exploitation Center sifted through the vast volume of enemy documents seized during allied operations and translated and distributed those of major intelligence value. A Combined Materiel Exploitation Center examined and reported upon new and significant enemy weapons and equipment.

Capstone of the system was the Combined Intelligence Center, Vietnam (CICV). This agency, built upon the foundation of a small combined office set up by MACV in early 1965 to select air strike targets, produced intelligence reports on a range of subjects of interest to the United States and South Vietnamese military forces. It furnished immediate information at the call of the field headquarters, and it initiated longer-term studies of major topics. CICV drew upon the products of the other three combined offices and maintained what were at that time highly sophisticated computerized data bases. The CICV staff of about 650 American and 160 Vietnamese intelligence specialists was divided into six functional branches: (1) the Order of Battle Branch kept track of enemy military strength and organization and also of the Viet Cong political underground; (2) the Area Analysis branch studied enemy transportation and communication routes and other aspects

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of the military geography of South Vietnam; (3) the Technical Intelligence branch analyzed and reported upon the characteristics and vulnerabilities of enemy arms and equipment, as well as keeping up an order of battle of Viet Cong and North Vietnamese engineer, signal, quartermaster, medical, and other technical support troops; (4) the Imagery Interpretation branch transferred data from all types of aerial photography and reconnaissance to maps and overlays for use of the field forces; (5) the Research and Analysis branch published reports and studies on every aspect of the Viet Cong insurgency and the North Vietnamese forces, as well as the military situations in Laos and Cambodia; and (6) the Targets branch furnished MACV and the JGS with proposed objectives for air and ground attack, often analyzing the pattern of enemy activity in particular areas to spot worthwhile targets.

The majority of the CICV documents in Part 2 of this microfilm publication are from three of the center's branches: Order of Battle, Area Analysis, and Research and Analysis. Order of Battle branch documents include an almost complete run of monthly reports on enemy forces, covering the period between May 1967 and February 1972. These reports, the basic product of the branch, were distributed regularly to allied commands in Vietnam and also to Washington. Other documents from the Order of Battle branch include a reference manual on Viet Cong and North Vietnamese tactics and special studies on such topics as the enemy force buildup and the Viet Cong supply system. The Area Analysis branch is represented by several studies of enemy base areas and other locations in South Vietnam and one section of Cambodia. Also present is part of the branch's gazetteer of the enemy's place names and geographical terminology. The Research and Analysis branch documents consist primarily of more than 100 studies, which run the gamut of subjects from enemy clothing and equipment through combat tactics to political and military organization. For several of the studies, a number of revisions and updates are present, allowing examination of how information and assessments changed over time. In addition to these major groups of material, the CICV collection contains a small number of studies from the Technical Analysis branch. Most of these are concerned with Viet Cong communications and electronics. Others deal with the enemy's employment of mines and booby traps (their most effective weapons in the later stages of the war), their chemical-biological-radiological warfare capabilities, and the medical condition of their troops.

These CICV documents represent only a small portion of the intelligence produced by MACV during the Vietnam conflict, and the materials should be used with caution. The command based its most important policy decisions and recommendations on information from the entire U.S. intelligence community, especially that provided by highly sophisticated, still classified, technical means of collection. Some of this information, heavily sanitized to conceal its sources, probably has found its way into these documents, but the bulk of it has not. The CICV reports and studies also must be presumed to reflect the command's point of view and to be influenced in content and conclusions by the persistent pressure on MACV from higher levels to furnish good news about the progress of the war. Charges that this was the case with MACV's order of battle reports were aired in the CBS news documentary "The Uncounted Enemy" and the subsequent Westmoreland libel suit. Overoptimism especially should be suspected in studies on enemy troop health and morale. On the other hand, reports on technical and tactical subjects may be used with more confidence, as bias was less likely to influence them.

Approached with these caveats in mind, the CICV documents are of substantial research value. These studies, based as many are on analysis of countless captured documents and prisoner interrogations, contain much information of Viet Cong and North Vietnamese organization, strategy, tactics, logistics, and motivation. They are perhaps the most comprehensive and detailed primary sources on these subjects that will be available until Hanoi opens its archives to foreign scholars. Anyone wishing to study "the other side of the hill" in the Vietnam War must take these materials into account. In addition, these documents constitute a record of what MACV and its allies knew, thought they knew, or wanted their troops to believe about the enemy. Through them, one can trace the evolution of the command's perception of the military problem it faced and thereby gain insights into the origins of its combat and pacification strategies.

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Ed. note: For further information on the CBS News documentary, see UPA's microfilm publication *Vietnam: A Documentary Collection. Records of the Westmoreland v. CBS Case.*
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

With the expansion of the U.S. military effort in South Vietnam, the volume of intelligence data collected from captured documents, interrogations, Communist deserters, and informants grew at an accelerated rate. In order to maximize the usefulness of this volume of intelligence data, the Combined Intelligence Center, Vietnam (CICV) was created.

The Combined Intelligence Center, Vietnam, was one of the few instances of combined/integrated effort between U.S. and South Vietnamese forces. This combination was necessary in order to exploit the resources of both. The combined and coordinated staff offices within the CICV provided order of battle summaries, target analysis reports for ARC LIGHT missions, and various other analytical and technical studies, all synthesized from the collected and collated intelligence. These summaries, reports, and studies provided the South Vietnamese Joint General Staff, MACV, and the U.S. embassy with the necessary information to formulate and implement the various programs, policies, and plans of the U.S. military, civil, and political missions.

The reports, studies, summaries, handbooks, and catalogs included in this micropublication were generated by the various CICV branches described below.

Order of Battle Branch (OB Branch)

The Order of Battle Branch, the largest branch in MACJ2, developed and maintained collateral order of battle information on VC and NVA military ground forces operating in South Vietnam. In addition, the OB Branch maintained order of battle information on all military forces in North Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. The products of the OB Branch were synthesized from prisoner of war reports/interrogations, captured documents, field intelligence summaries, and agent reports. The primary focus of the OB Branch was the production of the Monthly Order of Battle Summary.

The Monthly Order of Battle Summary was a computerized publication designed to provide data on enemy personnel, unit strengths, accepted and newly reported units in South Vietnam, the VC political infrastructure, unit AKAs, LBNs, Cover Designations, and out-country unit strength and base areas. After July 1968, the Monthly Order of Battle Summary was subdivided into two parts due to the tremendous volume of information being included in the summary.

In addition to the Monthly Order of Battle Summary, the OB Branch produced two other types of publications. These were reports and studies from the Studies Section and the Ground OB Section. The Studies Section produced studies based principally on captured documents and interrogation reports. These studies dealt with such topics as tactics, training, methods of operation, and land characteristics of the enemy forces.

The Ground OB Section was responsible for producing data on in-country unit designations, subordination, strength, disposition, composition, and combat effectiveness. This data was compiled into the Unit OB Summary. The Unit OB Summary's primary purpose was to provide information for an in-depth analysis of the capabilities, vulnerabilities, methods of operation, and organization of particular units.

Area Analysis Branch (AA Branch)

The AA Branch had the mission of supporting intelligence operations through the compilation and production of studies on lines of communication and military geography. These included tactical area studies, area analysis base data studies, VC/NVA gazetteers, and various other special
studies concerned with lines of communication, infiltration routes, "avenues of approach," and general terrain analysis. The AA Branch consisted of five sections that were responsible for reporting on highways, railways, and waterways; airfields, landing zones, beaches, and ports; telecommunications, urban areas, and man-made features; landforms, vegetation, and soils; weather; and a support element that was responsible for maintaining a map and photograph library.

Research and Analysis Branch (RA Branch)

The Research and Analysis Branch developed intelligence and produced reports and studies on the economic, political, sociological, and psychological characteristics and vulnerabilities of the enemy's military and political forces. The RA Branch produced studies on such topics as VC taxation, soldiers' morale, the effectiveness of B-52 strikes and herbicide operations, and characteristics of the NVA soldier fighting in South Vietnam. The RA Branch also provided intelligence support for psychological warfare operations. The studies produced by the RA Branch were compiled from captured enemy documents, interrogation reports, and field intelligence reports.

Targets Branch (TB)

The Targets Branch was responsible for compiling the necessary intelligence to develop targets for exploitation by combat forces. Basically, the TB was charged with locating the enemy. The Pattern Analysis Study, developed for this purpose, presented a graphic relationship between collected and collated bits of intelligence data. It included bits of data on enemy installations, movements, unit sightings, incidents and contacts, order of battle, VC/NVA base areas, and identified VCI locations. The study was specifically designed for use in planning and conducting both air and ground combat operations.

In addition, the TB produced a special study on areas of major logistical significance. This study, the VC/NVA Base and Operational Areas Study, was an effort to locate the major lines of communications and storage areas being utilized by the enemy in his forward logistical movement of supplies from the out-country base areas in Laos and Cambodia and into South Vietnam. This study detailed the location and summarized enemy activity for each base area.

Technical Intelligence Branch (TI Branch)

The Technical Intelligence Branch performed equipment analyses and determined weapons and equipment characteristics and specifications. In addition, the TI Branch made equipment assessments and determined vulnerabilities for operational exploitation. It was responsible for producing accurate intelligence on enemy capabilities, vulnerabilities, and order of battle in the technical, chemical, ordnance, engineer, quartermaster, medical, signal, and transportation areas.

Strategic Research and Analysis Branch (SRA Branch)

The Strategic Research and Analysis Branch was responsible for providing nonmilitary intelligence, including information on the VC economic, social, and political structure in South Vietnam. Primary emphasis was placed on the gathering of intelligence on the clandestine VC political infrastructure. The SRA Branch published, periodically, a newsletter highlighting accumulated intelligence analyses on the VC political infrastructure, entitled the *CICV Newsletter: VC Political Infrastructure*. The stated purpose of the newsletter was to provide a medium through which elements of the intelligence community could be kept knowledgeable of the latest trends, capabilities, and vulnerabilities of the VC political infrastructure. The ultimate goal of the newsletter was a more effective identification and elimination of the VC political infrastructure.

This micropublication includes periodic issues of the *CICV Newsletter*.

The reports, studies, and summaries that are included in this micropublication and do not fit into one of the above categories were produced by CICV in general. These include the Briefing Materials, DRL list, Product Catalogs, reports (CICV Special Reports), and Special Studies. These items were probably produced within CICV before a clearly defined task organization was implemented, or the items were special request publications from other areas of MACJ2.
SOURCE NOTE

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EDITORIAL NOTE

Part 2 consists of the materials generated by various offices of the CICV. The MHI Library staff has arranged these materials into alphabetical order by office and/or type of study. University Publications of America (UPA) has microfilmed this series as it is arranged in the MHI Library. UPA has also microfilmed all of those CICV reports available. Supplements to this micropublication will be made available as materials are opened.
The following acronyms and abbreviations are used frequently in this guide and are listed here for the convenience of the researcher.

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<tr>
<td>Allies</td>
<td>The alliance between U.S., South Vietnamese, and Free World military assistance forces</td>
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<td>ANDP</td>
<td>Alliance of National, Democratic, and Peace Forces</td>
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<td>AO</td>
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<td>ARC LIGHT</td>
<td>U.S. B-52 Bombing Program (against North Vietnam's political-military-industrial complex and in South Vietnam against massed enemy troops and bases)</td>
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<td>COSVN</td>
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<td>Tear gas</td>
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<td>Local Force (VC combat unit subordinate to a district or province)</td>
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Monthly Order of Battle (OB) Summaries

These reports itemize information on enemy ground forces in South Vietnam into various categories: (1) Recapitulation of Accepted Enemy Order of Battle in RVN, (2) Accepted Enemy Personnel Strength, (3) Accepted Enemy Unit Strength, (4) Listing of Accepted Enemy Units, (5) Identification of Newly Reported Units in RVN, (6) Infiltration Data, (7) Validity of Holdings for Enemy Battalions in RVN, (8) Viet Cong Political Infrastructure, (9) NVA/VC Unit AKAs and Cover Designations, and (10) NVA Units Reported in Border Areas.

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0597 August. Published August 31. 212pp.
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0001 March: Volume I. Published April 8. 289pp.
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0742 November: Volume I. Published December 15. 241pp.

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0001 November: Volume II. Published December 27. 74pp.
0372 December: Volume II. Published February 21, 1971. 80pp.

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0452 January: Volume I. Published February 27. 294pp.
0746 January: Volume II. Published March 12. 80pp.
0826 February: Volume I. Published March 17. 256pp.

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0001 February: Volume I cont. Published March 17. 37pp.
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0533 February: Volume I. Published March 10. 188pp.

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0269 June: Volume I. Published July 15. 189pp.
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1004 August: Volume II. Published September 28. 82pp.

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0001 Memorandum regarding Cancellation of VC/NVA OB Summaries. November 7. 1p.
0002 September: Volume I. Published October 16. 194pp.
0196 September: Volume II. Published October 26. 83pp.
Area Analysis Base Data (AABD)

   Major Topics: Geography and relief; order of battle; SLAR activities; "Red Haze" Reports; infiltration; LOC; political and social culture; climate.

   Major Topics: Geography and relief; order of battle; SLAR activities; "Red Haze" Reports; enemy installations; infiltration; LOC; political and social culture; climate.

   Major Topics: Geography and relief; order of battle; "Red Haze" Reports; enemy installations; infiltration; LOC; political and social culture; climate; Targeting Program; Defoliation Program.

Area Analysis Studies (AAS)

   Major Topics: Geography and relief; order of battle; "Red Haze" Reports; enemy installations; infiltration; LOC; political and social culture; climate; tactical aspects of terrain.

   Major Topics: LOC; telecommunications; terrain and geography; order of battle; enemy installations; climate; bomb damage assessment.

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Area Analysis Studies (AAS) cont.

   Major Topics: Geography and relief; LOC; enemy installations; enemy order of battle; enemy trafficability patterns; terrain analysis.

   Major Topics: LOC—Bien Hoa to Vung Tau; geography and relief; climate; telecommunications; order of battle; enemy installations; Significant Problem Area Reports; geology.

   Major Topics: Terrain and relief; order of battle; enemy defenses; LOC; enemy disposition; enemy installations.

Airfields, Provinces (AFPS)


Briefing Material (BM)

   Major Topics: NVA infantry division; NVA armor tactics and training; paramilitary forces in NVN; sapper organization, equipment, training, and tactics; the NVA soldier; the DRV Politburo members and activities; enemy operations in the Saigon area.
Document Reference Library (DRL)


Gazetteer (GAZ)

Major Topic: VC/NVA names of geographic locations (i.e., village, hamlet, river, stream, etc.) in the RVN and their corresponding RVN names.

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Gazetteer (GAZ) cont.

Major Topic: VC/NVA place and feature names in South Vietnam arranged alphabetically by VC/NVA name.

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Handbooks (HB)

0001 VC/NVA Mine Indicators. May 29, 1967. 57pp. [30 frames.]
Major Topics: Mine and booby-trap detection; ordnance.

0031 "What a Platoon Leader Should Know about the Enemy’s Jungle Tactics." October 12, 1967. 42pp. [23 frames.]
Major Topics: Tactics; lessons learned; mines and booby traps; ambush methods.

Index

Major Topic: Listing of products that were available to members of MACV and subordinate commands.

Infiltration Studies (IS)

Major Topics: Logistical and supply system; foreign aid to enemy; medical supplies; ordnance; infiltration routes; LOC; transportation units.

Miscellaneous

Major Topic: Describes the characteristics of four principal forest types common to SVN and lists forty-six sources of timber suitable for construction.
Organization and Functions (O & F)

0264 CICV. October 1, 1972. 10pp.

Order of Battle Branch (OB)

  Major Topics: Tactics; reconnaissance; command and control; ambush methods; attacks on fortifications; supporting weapons methods; employment of guerrilla forces.

Order of Battle Branch: Ground Order of Battle Section

  Major Topics: History; organization; training; area of operations; equipment; combat effectiveness and morale; personalities.
0325 Unit OB Summary: 96th NVA Artillery Regiment. February 8, 1971. 29pp.
  Major Topics: History; organization; training; area of operations; equipment; combat effectiveness and morale; personalities.
  Major Topics: History; organization; training; area of operations; equipment; combat effectiveness and morale; personalities.
  Major Topics: History; organization; training; area of operations; equipment; combat effectiveness and morale; personalities.

Order of Battle Studies (OBS)

  Major Topics: NVA infiltration; VC LF and MF battalions in SVN; personnel strength.
  Major Topics: Unit organization, history, in-country movement, and personalities.
  Major Topics: LOC; tactical doctrine and operations; logistics and supply; infiltration methods.
  Major Topics: Training; operational movement.
  Major Topic: Comparison of personnel, training, equipment, leadership, and morale.
  Major Topics: TOEs; training; tactical doctrine; logistical resupply.
  Major Topics: Tactical doctrine; training.
  Major Topics: Tactical doctrine; training.
  Major Topics: Tactical doctrine; communications system; operational control and coordination; decision making.
*Major Topics:* Training; organization; equipment; tactics.

*Major Topics:* Tactics; training; organization; command and control; communications.

*Major Topics:* Warning systems; defenses; tactics; training; weapons.

*Major Topics:* Tactical doctrine; organization and control; employment and disposition; recruitment; training; military equipment; VC village organization; IV CTZ guerrilla organization.

*Major Topics:* Organization; installations.

*Major Topics:* Political OB; COSVN; VCI; history; logistics and supply system.

**Pattern Analysis (PAT)**

*M Major Topic:* Analysis of enemy trends and characteristics in order to ascertain the whereabouts of the enemy’s possible geographic location.

**Product Catalog (PC)**

*M Major Topic:* Listing of products that were available to members of MACV and subordinate commands.

**Reports (R)**  
(CICV Special Reports)

*M Major Topics:* Medical service; medical evacuation system.

*M Major Topics:* Political infrastructure in SVN—COSVN, NLF, and PRP; NVN Lao Dong party.

*M Major Topic:* Training.


*M Major Topic:* Organization and activities in the Saigon-Cholon-Gia Dinh Special Zone.

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**Research and Analysis Studies (RAS)**

*M Major Topics:* Unit organization; personnel; training; logistics; tactics.

*M Major Topics:* Production and procurement.
Frame

Major Topics: Production and procurement; insignia and flags; subsistence items; awards and decorations.

0239 RAS [ST] 66-24: VC/NVA Clothing and Equipment (First Update, Change No. 1). 
Major Topics: Production and procurement; insignia and flags; subsistence items; awards and decorations.

0417 RAS [ST] 66-24: VC/NVA Clothing and Equipment (First Update, Change No. 2). 
Major Topics: Production and procurement; insignia and flags; subsistence items; awards and decorations.

Major Topics: Local and regional administrative apparatus in SVN; COSVN; PRP; NFLSVN; NVN Lao Dong party.

Major Topics: Recruitment methods; PRP recruitment policies.

Major Topics: Training; tactical doctrine and maneuverability.

Major Topics: Economic and financial system; census; VCI.

Major Topics: Political indoctrination; training; leadership; educational level; morale; living conditions.

Major Topics: VC tax system; VC bond sales; counterfeiting and VC currency.

Major Topics: VC taxation; base areas.

Major Topics: Casualties; medical matters.

Major Topics: Water-borne infiltration; USN-VNN interdiction activities.

Major Topics: U.S.-RVN Crop Destruction Program; defoliation and herbicide operations; civilian attitudes.

Major Topics: Tactical doctrine and withdrawal tactics.

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Major Topics: Values; attitudes.

Major Topics: NVA chemical units and operations; training; equipment; CS gas.

Major Topics: Political administration; VCI; COSVN; PRP; NFLSVN.
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Research and Analysis Studies (RAS) cont.

  Major Topics: Political administration; VCI; COSVN; PRP; NFLSVN.
  Major Topics: Manpower procurement; training; leadership; political indoctrination;
educational level; health and living conditions; morale.
  Major Topic: Includes list of Allied operations.
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0455 RAS 67-019: VC/NVN Philosophy and Policies on Ethnic Minority Groups. April 29,
  1967. 34 pp.
0489 RAS 67-019: VC/NVN Philosophy and Policies on Ethnic Minority Groups (First
  Major Topics: NFLSVN; local and regional propaganda organization.
  Major Topics: Self-sufficiency; agriculture; munitions.
  Major Topics: History; organization; insurgency.
0620 RAS 67-024: Base and Operational Areas Update, November 1–30, 1966. January 4,
  Major Topic: Order of battle.
0632 RAS 67-036: Base and Operational Areas Update, December 1–31, 1966. February 8,
  Major Topic: Order of battle.
  Major Topics: Ho Chi Minh; history; political infrastructure.
  Major Topic: Economic and financial activities.
  Major Topics: TOE; training; logistics and supply; evacuation system.
  Major Topics: Unit TOE; training; tactical use of wire communications.
0923 RAS [ST] 67-042: Targeting Branch Revised VC/NVA Base and Operations Areas,
  Major Topics: Order of battle; list of Allied operations.

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Research and Analysis Studies (RAS) cont.

  17 pp.
  Major Topics: Troop movement; training; equipment.
0037 RAS [ST] 67-044: VC/NVA Crossing of Water Obstacles (First Update). October 17,
  Major Topics: Troop movement; training; equipment.
   Major Topics: Organization; training; equipment; Allied lessons learned.
   Major Topic: Order of battle by CTZ.
   Major Topics: Ordnance; tactics; Allied lessons learned.
   Major Topics: Military force organization; LF; MF; "Upgrading" System; manpower supply.
0606 RAS 67-049 [Pictorial Study]: VC Canal Construction. n.d. 33pp. [18 frames.]
0624 RAS 67-050 [Pictorial Study]: VC Propaganda. n.d. 52pp. [27 frames.]
   Major Topics: Production of propaganda; photography.
0651 RAS 67-051 [Pictorial Study]: VC Medical Activities. n.d. 35pp. [19 frames.]
0670 RAS 67-052 [Pictorial Study]: VC Production. n.d. 51pp. [27 frames.]
   Major Topics: Munitions; ordnance; booby-trap equipment; rice.
0697 RAS 67-053 [Pictorial Study]: VC Training. n.d. 41pp. [22 frames.]
   Major Topics: Motivation and indoctrination training; morale; Lao Dong party; PRP.
   Major Topics: Command and control; Lao Dong party.
   Major Topics: Goals and policy; unit training and organization; international efforts; use of propaganda against U.S. troops.
   Major Topics: Goals and policy; unit training and organization; international efforts; use of propaganda against U.S. troops.
   Major Topics: Construction; camouflage; combat formations.
   Major Topics: Reports System; communications; intelligence system; reconnaissance; espionage; equipment.
   Major Topics: Reports System; communications; intelligence system; reconnaissance; espionage; equipment.
   Major Topics: Intelligence collection; training; land navigation.
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   Major Topics: Logistical system personnel; women; organization.

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Research and Analysis Studies (RAS) cont.

   Major Topics: Tactics and techniques; unit organization; training; equipment; intelligence collection; radio communications.
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   Major Topic: TOE.

   Major Topics: Tactical doctrine; training; ammunition loads.

   Major Topics: Tactics and techniques; training; logistics; equipment; organization.

   Major Topics: Hoa Hao; Cao Dai; Catholicism; Buddhism.

   Major Topics: Propaganda; morale; political indoctrination and motivation training.


   Major Topics: Organization; disposition; equipment; logistics; training.

   Major Topics: Manpower shortage; Allied population control effects.

   Major Topic: Equipment.

   Major Topics: Attrition; medical activities; casualties.

   Major Topics: Allied population control; popular attitudes toward VC; VCI; RD Program; Chieu Hoi Program; resettlement programs.

   Major Topics: Logistical and manpower shortages; morale programs; revolutionary movement and demoralization.


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Research and Analysis Studies (RAS) cont.

   Major Topics: Enemy/popular consumption and production; logistics and supply; Allied Rice Denial Program.

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   **Major Topic:** Medical intelligence.

   **Major Topics:** B-52 bombing program; damage assessments—physical and psychological.

   **Major Topics:** Supply system; logistical requirements; TOE.

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   **Major Topics:** Training system; mobilization; infiltration efforts.

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   **Major Topic:** Inventory of enemy base areas—in-country by MR and out-country.


   **Major Topics:** SVNLA organization and strength; local and regional organizational structure; COSVN; PRP.

   **Major Topics:** Unit organization; command and control; socio-economic background; support of LF and MF.

   **Major Topics:** Comparison of VC and NVA soldiers; recruitment/enlistment; training; motivation and indoctrination; civilian background.
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Research and Analysis Studies (RAS) cont.

  Major Topics: Role; employment; economy-of-force.
  Major Topics: Allied lessons learned; Allied After-Action Reports.
  Major Topics: Attrition; casualties; medical evacuation.
  Major Topics: CICV Pattern Analysis Techniques; OPLAN for targeting enemy system—Chieu Hoi Program, pacification, territorial security, POLWAR/PSYOPS activities; VCI; military and rear services subsystems.
  Major Topics: CICV Pattern Analysis Techniques; OPLAN for targeting enemy system—Chieu Hoi Program, pacification, territorial security, POLWAR/PSYOPS activities; VCI; military and rear services subsystems.
  Major Topics: History; Ho Chi Minh Trail; sanctuary areas; base and operational areas; training; transportation and LOC systems.
  Major Topics: NVN service schools; NVA/VC training center system; NVA combat and infiltration training; specialized training; political training.
  Major Topics: CICV Pattern Analysis Techniques; OPLAN for targeting enemy system—Chieu Hoi Program, pacification, territorial security, POLWAR/PSYOPS activities; VCI; “shadow” government structure; military and rear services subsystems; terrain and weather.
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  Major Topics: Enemy logistical and supply system organization; transportation unit OB and LOC system; effects of Allied cross-border operations; infiltration and the Ho Chi Minh Trail; enemy use of Sihanoukville [Kompong Som], Cambodia.
  Major Topics: Enemy “shadow” supply system; VC taxation; VC “racketeering” activities.

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  Major Topics: Mission; organization.
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   Major Topic: Cache system.


Targets Studies (TS)

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Technical Intelligence Branch

   Major Topics: Enemy ordnance; chemical equipment; medical equipment.

Technical Intelligence Studies (TIS)

   Major Topics: Mines—land, anti-vehicular, anti-personnel, anti-helicopter, water; types of booby traps; mine and booby-trap detection; Allied lessons learned.

   Major Topic: Allied lessons learned.

   Major Topics: Logistical and supply system; in-country manufacturing; resupply and transportation activities.

   Major Topics: Equipment and munitions; offensive and defensive operations.

   Major Topics: Personnel and training; medical service organization and facilities; logistics and supply.


   Major Topics: Military region and regimental signal capabilities.

   Major Topics: Foreign equipment—Communist Chinese and captured U.S.; tactical communications; maintenance; radios; telephones [wire communications].

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Technical Intelligence Studies (TIS) cont.

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- **Major Topics:** History; organization; mission.

- **Major Topics:** Reorganization of MRs; PRP activities; NFLSVN; Tet Offensive preparations.

- **Major Topics:** Tet Offensive losses; VC taxation; PRP activities in Tay Nguyen-Lower Laos MR.

- **Major Topics:** Formation of the Tri-Thien-Hue MR; VC Commo-Liaison System; infiltration routes into III CTZ.

- **Major Topics:** Reorganization of VC MR 2; VC popular alliances [Third Front] and "liberation committees."

- **Major Topic:** COSVN—history and organization.

- **Major Topics:** Reorganization of MRs in Saigon area; COSVN control in the Delta; Allied analysis of offensive indicators.

- **Major Topics:** Political-military strategy; peace negotiations; NLF; local and regional activities; Tet Offensive.

- **Major Topics:** Tet Offensive; troop recruitment; logistical and supply support; civilian labor force; intelligence support; propagandization and indoctrination; establishment of PLCs.
       Major Topics: Threat analysis; NLF organization; local and regional NLF and PRP organization.


       Major Topics: COSVN; PRP; NFLSVN; ANDP; PLCs.

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