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SAIGON--Military intelligence sources reported today that Viet Cong (Communist) political cadre are establishing subversive administrative councils in the villages on the outskirts of Saigon.

These sources said that the administrative councils ~~would~~ had already been setup to govern these villages once the Communists seize power within South Vietnam. Within recent months, five of the anti-Communist village and hamlet chiefs have been assassinated only ten miles from the city limits of this capital city.

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North Vietnamese regu refugees, who watched the Communists  
~~minimamamam~~ defeat the French during the French Indo-China War  
twelve years ago, recalled that the Communists had established  
similar administration councils within the capital city of Hanoi  
in 1951--three years ~~z~~ before they ~~defax~~ became the government. In 1951,  
These administrative councils had mapped out and organized the  
~~indoxoximamamam~~ Communist Party policy on the most detailed  
problems of governing the city--including the disposal of garbage  
and sewage.

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Other intelligence sources reported that the Viet Cong are recruiting guerrillas from within the city of Saigon, and it's Chinese twin city of Cholon, as well as from the villages on the outskirts of Saigon--which the government Vietnam American-backed Vietnamese government officially describe as "pacified."

Included in the recruitment of guerrillas are ~~six~~ Vietnamese-born born Chinese, who are now participating on the side of the Viet Cong. Some Chinese Communist influence is considered to penetrate the ~~immense~~ political atmosphere of Cholon, the Chinese populated twin-city of Saigon containing roughly half-million people. During recent weeks, two staunchly anti-Communist Chinese businessman and one teacher have been assassinated. Recently, a motorcycle equipped with loudspeaker raced through the streets of Cholon broadcasting Communist propaganda. Reliable sources indicated that the motorcycle driver was Chinese origin.

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Military sources ~~indicated~~ reported that the Viet Cong maintain seven "light" battalions--totalling more than 4000 men--in the outskirts of Saigon, and have also organized the equivalent of at least one battalion of assassination squads, commando units and suicide teams within the city limits of Saigon. An eighth battalion outside of Saigon is to be graduated in late February, according to intelligence sources.

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A Viet Cong defector from one of these seven "light" battalions described his recruitment, training with the ~~thousands~~ organized guerrilla fighters.

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The defector told the New York Herald Tribune that the and the deputy battalion commander battalion commander of his unit--the 6th battalion operating in the outskirts of Saigon--was a native born South Vietnamese, but had returned to North Vietnam when the country was divided by the Geneva Convention in 1954. The commander had since infiltrated back to the South. ~~This document contains information that is classified as secret~~

~~SECRET~~ However, the political commissar of the unit "was" is a new man that has just come in from North Vietnam--and is North Vietnamese by birth," according to the defector. He said that 9 ninety per cent of the troops in his unit had been recruited from their local villages outside of Saigon--but that the recruitment had accelerated since the February airstrikes against North Vietnam.

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The defector said that the Viet Cong recruit recruiting agent -- called propaganda and proselytizing cadre--told him that if ~~thepax~~ he joined "the puppet government forces" he would have to kill ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ friends and relatives in other villages and that since he had little education "he we ~~is~~ "I would have little future with the government and American forces."

"If you join the Viet Cong you don't have to kill innocent people and your future will be very bright," the defector said he had been ~~is~~ told by the recruiting agents. "Weh  
"When we win the war, you will become master of the country."

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The defector said that he had been given 11 weeks of training with the Viet Cong before he became a full-time guerrilla. "The first three months we ~~studied~~ studied in the villages around Saigon," he explained. "About 80 per cent of the study was on political training--including some cultural training like teaching the illiterate people to read. Only twenty percent of the g training dealt with guerrilla warfare, which included how to lay boobytraps and spikes and how to shoot pistols and rifles."

He said that the trainees then were given <sup>four months of</sup> "district level" training further from Saigon, where sixty per cent of the instruction dealt with political-cultural subjects, including how to make Viet Cong propaganda and how to become friends with the local people.

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At the ~~di~~ "district level" the trainees were ~~gimmickism~~ spent about forty percent of their instruction time on military training, ~~s~~ involving more sophisticated weapons such as .30 cal. machineguns, automatic rifles. ~~and~~ They also were taught how to camouflage themselves well.

The trainees were then sent to four more months of "zone-level" instruction, which was the highest and most sophisticated quality of instruction. However, about sixty percent of their time was devoted to military instruction, while only forty percent dealt with political subjects.

On the political front, they were taught the political policies of the National Liberation Front for South Vietnam (the political backbone of the Viet Cong guerrillas--which is dominated and directed by the Communist People's Revolutionary Party.)

During their military instruction, the defector said that ~~there~~ he was taught ~~in~~ five main tactics:

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<sup>How</sup>  
1. To concentrate human power and firepower to attack fixed positions or moving convoys with a high intensity ~~air~~ and complete superiority.

<sup>How</sup>  
2. To defend ~~edge~~ adequately their home bases, ~~incl~~ plus how to retreat from government-initiated offensive attacks.

3. How to attack armored vehicles, and how to use use recoilless rifles, grenades and "elephant traps" to defeat the armored convoys.

4. How to chop up a column an infantry column or convoy and smash one segment of the ~~selected~~ selected unit of the ~~column~~ column and annihilate it.

5. How to conduct close hand-to-hand combat, using ~~fi~~ riflebutts and bayonets.

The defector said that the training ~~selected~~ was held in Tay Ninh province bordering Cambodia in the Viet Cong jungled strongholds under triple-layers of canopy. He said that the training courses started at 5:30 in the morning and lasted until 4 p.m. When the training was finished, the trainees walked through the Viet Cong stronghold of D-Zone where they were issued weapons and ammunition, and then they broke up in small units and walked to Binh Chanh district, which lay south of Saigon-Cholon on the outskirts of the city.

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During their march to Binh Chanh, the defector said, that the unit moved during the daytime in the thick jungle, but moved at night through areas containing government outposts.

"Everytime we stopped we had to dig foxholes," the defector said. "Most of these stops were made 2-3 kilometers from the villages where the people lived. Even if we were near our home village, we could not go to see our relatives. We were forbidden even to talk with our wives."