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~~SAIGON~~ Communist Viet Cong commanders have taken the "determined decision"
to fight and destroy American troops unit by unit, the clandestine Liberation
Radio and Radio Hanoi recently announced.

The decision, announced within the past ten days, was regarded here
by military experts as ^{FN} the answer to Washington sources that the Viet Cong
would have a very tough time fighting the ever increasing number of American
combat troops which have now surpassed the initial 125,000 initially
 earmarked by President Johnson.

Military sources here believe the Viet Cong troops have ^{al} already
received instructions from their commanders to stand up and fight the American
units. An American military spokesman Sunday night announced the
~~at sixtytwo created russian sniper rifles~~ ^{to EACH}
captureve Viet Cong weapons with a note ^{USED} as attached /reading quote a
longrange rifle for sharpshooters to be used ^{USED} only for shooting leaders
and american advisors, ~~commanders~~ ^{MORE DEEP}

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In another instance, an American military spokesman announced ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ that last week a record number of American patrols had made contact with the Viet Cong dash eightyfive of the elevenhundred forty ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ American small unit actions comma or roughly thirteen percent. only sixty american patrols during the previous week had made contact with the vietcong.

During the past week, both American and Vietnamese units faced bitter Viet Cong fighting. On September ~~th~~ nineteen, Viet Cong units badly hit elements of the Unistates onehundred one airborne as it helilifted into landing zones to ^{Begin its} ~~being their~~ search and destroy operation "operation gibraltar." Two waves of helicopters had dropped in troops but Viet Cong groundfire was so intense that one reinforced airborne company was virtually encircled for twentyfour hours ^{while} ~~without~~ but successive helicopter waves were unable to land. ~~stop~~ elements of americas elite first air cavalry division met its first combat test: four of their helicopters were shot down ~~stop~~ ~~while~~ the net results of the three day operation were light american casualties dash according to official announcements undash and twohundred twenty six vietcong ~~lost~~ confirmed dead by bodycount. # moredecepe

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~~Info~~ intelligence sources in Saigon talked of the Viet Cong de-escalating into second phase intensive guerrilla warfare by breaking up their third phase mobile ~~warfare~~ warfare battalions "spreading them all over the country like butter over bread." Yet, ~~AFUN~~ this past week on september twentythird an estimated vietcong regiment in eye well synchronized classical mobile warfare operation along eye twenty mile front near the coastal city of ~~phuy my phuy my~~ Stol phu my. The Viet Cong units successively attacked eye government company of irregular troops, causing heavy casualties, then ambushed two ~~in~~ reaction forces, engaging each in heavy ground fighting despite a total of fiftyeight air ~~stori~~ sot sorties in which one ~~USAF~~ unistates air force ~~fffonh~~ fffonehundred was shotdown stop the vietcong also mortared two important government centers and blewup eye bridge. stop officially, vietnamese government casualties were moderate; onehundred fifty vietcong were confirmed dead by american bodycount/ but vietnamese sources claimed more than sixhundred vietcong dead enditdeeps