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SUBJECT: Attack on TAN SON NHUT Air Base  
DATE OF INFORMATION: 20 - 23 Mar 66  
PLACE OF ACQUISITION: National CHIEU HOI Center, SAIGON  
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Summary  
This report contains information pertaining to the 23 Mar 66 mortar attack on TAN SON NHUT Air Base. The information was obtained from NGUYEN VAN HANH, Assistant Platoon Leader, 3d Platoon, G-30 Company, 8th Battalion, CIAI PHONG TU DO Regiment.

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1. Source participated in the 23 Mar 66 attack on TAN SON NHUT Air Base. Three platoons of G-30 Company and one platoon of G-25, 8th Battalion, GIAI PHONG TU DO Regiment, took part in the attack. The four platoons of the 8th Battalion were mortar and recoilless rifle platoons. They had six mortars (81mm) and two recoilless rifles (75mm).

2. Prior to the attack, source's platoon was located in NHUON TAY Village, PHU THO District, BINH DUONG Province, vic XT 750265. Source stated that this was also the location of the GIAI PHONG TU DO Regiment Headquarters. Source received orders to prepare for the attack on 20 Mar 66 at 0800 hours, from BA TUONG, his platoon leader. He was told to take two 81mm mortars and 72 rounds of ammunition and be prepared to leave that night. Source was not told where they were going or their objective. The four platoons left their base camp at 1900 hours on 20 Mar 66. They walked west until they arrived at SA IHO Hamlet, HAU NGHIA Province (XT 565270). They remained there until 1900 hours on 22 Mar 66. They then began walking southeast until they arrived at TAN BOU Hamlet, LONG AN Province (vic XT 620890). This was in a large pineapple field and was also the base camp for the 6th Infantry Battalion, GIAI PHONG TU DO Regiment. They remained there until 1800 hours on 23 Mar 66. They then began walking east until they arrived on the edge of CHOLON near a textile plant, (approximate coordinates IS 790920). This was at 2300 hours. They immediately set up their mortars and at 2315 hours began firing.

3. The mortars were set up 15 meters apart and the recoilless rifles were approximately 200 meters from the mortars. The range and elevation were given to the mortar crews by Platoon Leader BA TUONG. Source claims that they still did not know their target at this time. The attack lasted for 15 minutes and each of the six mortars fired 34 rounds. They were instructed to keep two rounds per mortar for protection when returning to their base camp. Source did not know how many rounds the recoilless rifles fired. Four times during the attack, BA TUONG, the Platoon Leader, instructed them to change range or elevation on their mortars. At approximately the same time they finished their attack, a flare ship flew over and began dropping flares. Two helicopters came over and began firing their machineguns. Source said no one in his unit was wounded and they made their way back to the pineapple fields. Source did not know if there were any casualties in the other platoons. They remained at the pineapple fields until the night of 24 Mar 66 and then began to make their way back to NHUON TAY Village, BINH DUONG Province. They returned the same way they had come for the attack. Source stated he did not find out until three days after the attack that they had mortared TAN SON NHUT Air Base. Their Platoon Leader, BA TUONG, told them that they had destroyed 53 aircraft and one million liters of gasoline.

Interrogator's Comments:

The date of the attack on TAN SON NHUT Air Base was 13 Apr 66, not 23 Mar 66 as source stated. Source said he was positive of this date and that the attack took place on 23 Mar 66.

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