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(U) In 1969 U.S. troops captured a North Vietnamese listening post about 25 miles northwest of Saigon.

(U) According to a newspaper account, troops from the 1st Infantry Division found the site and captured 12 of the 16 North Vietnamese staff. One North Vietnamese staffer was killed.

(U) The U.S. found that the site had copies of over 1,000 U.S. radio messages, many of them concerning air strikes, artillery fire, and ambushes.

(U) A very large number of the American messages were in "homemade" ciphers, which were easily solved by the enemy. This served as one more reminder not to underestimate the enemy's technical capabilities.



(U) *History Today* recently featured an article illustrating North Vietnam's proficiency at COMINT. Read about it in this [6 January 2015 History Today](#).

(U) The National Cryptologic Museum has a display on this capture. Much of the North Vietnamese work was done in kids' school notebooks; some of these are shown in the museum exhibit. The museum is open every federal workday from 0900 to 1600 hours, and the first and third Saturdays of the month from 1000 to 1400 hours. For more information, call 301-688-5849.

(U) The photo is a generic one of a North Vietnamese operator; it does not relate specifically to this captured intercept site.

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