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SUMMARY: The following report presents a comprehensive picture of the sequence of events in the Cao Bang border region before, during and after the Chinese invasion in early 1979. It describes the Socialist Republic of Vietnam's initial propaganda and recruitment programs, the formation of defensive units and the successes and failures of the Chinese forces. After the invasion, People's Army of Vietnam units were reorganized, new policies were set forth for the area population and some reconstruction attempts were made.

TEXT: 1. In the China border province of Cao Bang, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV) prepared its stand against China in early 1978 by propagandizing troops with documents from the Ministry of National Defense. These documents declared that China had colluded with the U.S. since 1972 to sell out (North) Vietnam. Therefore, both countries were the number one enemies of the SRV. At the same time the ethnic Vietnamese population and minority groups were educated to regard the Chinese as brutal brigands; they were mobilized to resist China to survive. Early in the second quarter of 1978, the cadre of the people's public security force in the districts went to the villages and led the village public security cadre in conducting a census of the population in preparation for a local general mobilization. In June 1978, all former soldiers were recalled to the army and males from 18 to 40 years old were drafted. Personnel were assigned to the

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