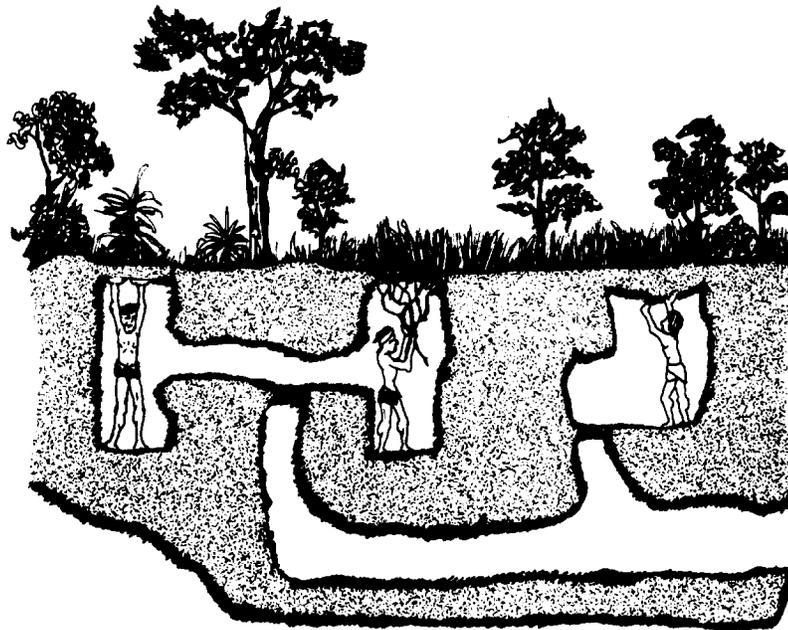


security element and the village must be searched. There are two methods which can be used:

- If the security element has not been discovered, the search element may be formed into sections, each section searching a portion of the perimeter. Should any section flush an insurgent out of the vegetation or tunnel exit, the security element will be able to kill or capture him.
- If the security element has been discovered, it will conduct the perimeter search. Part of this element will keep the village isolated, while the remainder conducts the search. Such a search could take hours if the terrain is extremely dense. Regardless of the terrain, the searching unit should check every possible location for caches of material or personnel in hiding.
- In areas where tunnels have been reported, it is imperative that the searching unit have a tunnel reconnaissance team attached. This team should be composed of volunteers trained for this type operation. They should have special equipment such as flashlights or miner helmets, protective masks, communication with the surface, and small caliber pistols. They should know how to sketch a tunnel system, and they should recover all items of intelligence interest.

## SEARCH OF TUNNELS



During the early phases of insurgency, the insurgents will begin a supply buildup. They store supplies in hidden areas. Where the terrain permits, they may construct tunnels, caves, and underground storage areas in which to store supplies and take refuge.