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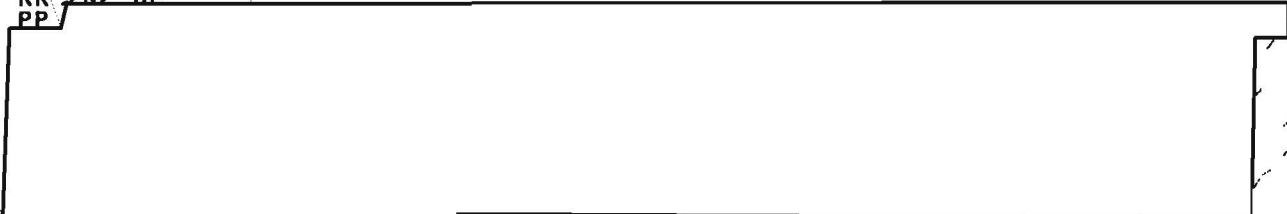
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MARKED) XXMMENP071-TB23040 3/04 [ ] R98-70 NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST  
ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC III, NORTH VIETNAM GROUND FORCES MILITARY REGION 3  
RIGHT BANK AN ELEMENT (M7838) OF HQ, MILITARY REGION 3 RIGHT BANK (RB) WAS  
OBSERVED IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH ONE OF THE MR 3 RB SUBORDINATES (M7836) ON 22  
APRIL. THIS ELEMENT WAS LAST OBSERVED IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH HQ, MR 3 RB ON 15  
APRIL. (3/04 [ ] R96-70) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ IV. GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES  
TO DATE, 7 INFILTRATION GROUPS AND 11 \$QL\$-DESIGNATED GROUPS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED  
THIS MONTH. A. NORTH VIETNAM THE NORTHWARD MOVEMENT OF TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS  
AND ONE JAPANESE PRISONER WAS NOTED ON 20 AND 21 APRIL. WORKCAMP (CT) 10  
(VICINITY OF CAM XUYEN XF 0618, 18-15N 106-00E) REVEALED THAT COMMO-LIAISON  
STATION (T)-19 (XE 3749, 17-37N 106-17E) HAD TAKEN THESE THREE PRISONERS TO  
T-12 (XF 0520, 18-20N 106-00E) THAT DAY. THE PRISONERS WERE TO BE DISPATCHED TO  
T-17 (WF 7461, 18-38N 105-40E) ON THE NEXT DAY. ON 21 APRIL, BINH TRAM (BT) 18  
(WF 7164, 18-40N 105-40E) WAS INFORMED OF THE TRANSFER OF THESE PRISONERS TO  
T-17. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ B. LAOS TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY HEAVY RAINS  
CONTINUE TO BE OBSERVED IN THE BT 34 (XD 6010, 16-22N 106-30E) AREA. ON 22  
APRIL, BT 34 DISCLOSED THAT ITS VEHICLES COULD NOT REACH T-44'S (XC 7378,  
16-04N 106-37E) WAREHOUSE BECAUSE OF THE RAIN, AND HAD TO UNLOAD THEIR CARGO  
NORTH OF THE RIVER. ROUTE 92 FROM KM 86 TO KM 98 WAS COVERED WITH MUD AND A  
LANDSLIDE HAD HIT KM 92. (2/0/VCJ/R164-70, 232131Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ V. LAOS  
MILITARY SITUATION NVA ELEMENTS IN THE PLAINE DES JARRES AREA REPORTED ON A  
B-52 STRIKE, AND CONTINUE TO REVEAL TACTICAL ACTIVITY WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF THE  
PLAINE. THE RLA REPORTED THAT A COMMUNIST BATTALION WAS DEPLOYED NORTH OF SALA  
PHOU KHOUN ON 20 APRIL. IN THE NORTHEAST, AN NVA MESSAGE CONTAINED THE FIRST  
SIGINT EVIDENCE THAT ELEMENTS OF THE NGHIA LO (NORTH VIETNAM) PROVINCIAL UNIT  
HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN LAOS. IN THE PAIHANDE, TTSIBLE ATTACK PREPARATIONS IN  
SARAVANE PROVINCE. NORTHERN LAOS ON 20 APRIL, THE COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL  
LAOTIAN ARMY (RLA) 17TH VOLUNTEER BATTALION REPORTED THAT A PATHET LAO (PL)/NVA  
BATTALION, SPLIT INTO TWO COLUMNS, WAS LOCATED 28 KM NORTH AND 35 KM NORTH  
NORTHEAST OF SALA PHOU KHOUN (TG 3051, 19-27N 102-26E). ON 22 APRIL, THE RLA  
COMMANDER IN CHIEF ORDERED THE NEWLY FORMED RLA 204TH COMMANDO BATTALION TO BE  
SENT TO VIENTIANE, APPARENTLY AS A RESERVE FORCE. IN COMMUNIST COMMUNICATIONS  
OF 23 APRIL, AN UNIDENTIFIED NVA ELEMENT REPORTED A B-52 STRIKE ON THE PLAINE  
DES JAREES. IT WAS ALSO STATED THAT THE ELEMENT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE  
WITH \$DIVISION\$ ON 22 APRIL, AND THAT B-52'S HAD STRUCK IN THE BAN TON (UG  
0643, 19-03N 103-30E) AREA \$LAST NIGHT.\$ SOUTHWEST OF THE PLAINE DES JARRES, ON  
20 APRIL, AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT REPORTED THAT IT HAD TELEPHONED THE

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BATTALION AND PROBABLY THAT ALL POSITIONS WERE \$READY TO FIGHT.\$ IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED THAT A SUBORDINATE HAD SENT SUPPLIES TO THE \$165TH REGIMENT.\$ ON 21 APRIL, THE 6TH BATTALION (OF UNKNOWN SUBORDINATION) WAS INFORMED THAT THE \$UNIT\$ WAS TO BRING 20 KG OF TNT TO THE \$REGIMENT'S WAREHOUSE\$ WHEN THEY MOVED. NVA COMMUNICATIONS OF 19 APRIL DISCLOSED THE PRESENCE OF A UNIDENTIFIED 3D COMPANY IN THE VICINITY OF HONG SINH (TG 698385, 19-19N 102-47E) AND RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF BAN KHANG (TG 8264, 19-33N 102-56E). ALSO IN THE MUONG SOU AREA, AN UNIDENTIFIED 2D COMPANY WAS REPORTEDLY EXTENDING ITS \$TRAINING AREA\$ FROM PHU SANG HAO (PROBABLY PHOU SANG AO, TG 7953, 19-27N 102-54E) THROUGH NAM BAN LUANG (PROBABLY NA LOUANG, TG 8155, 19-28N 102-55E) TO BAN SY ON (PROBABLY BAN XOU, TG 833558, 19-28N 102-57E). THE MESSAGE FURTHER DISCLOSED THAT \$REGIMENT SAPPERS\$ MIGHT RETURN TO BAN KHONG (TG 9245, 19-23N 102-02E) ON 23 APRIL TO RECEIVE PERSONNEL. XXHH 900 NNNN

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