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[redacted] KC DISCUSS MAYAGUEZ SEIZURE
TEXT XXCC CAMBODIAN COMMUNIST (KC) COMMUNICATIONS OF 13-15 MAY HAVE DISCUSSED THE U.S. MERCHANT SHIP MAYAGUEZ SEIZURE BY KC FORCES ON 12 MAY, THE SUBSEQUENT AMERICAN RESPONSE AND KC DECISIONS RELEVANT TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE SITUATION. ON 13 MAY MOT, COMMANDER OF THE 3D KC DIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST REGION ADVISED MOK, THE REGIONAL KC PARTY COMMITTEE PROBABLE SECRETARY, THAT ON 12 MAY KC FORCES SEIZED FOUR VESSELS MANNED BY 42(SIC) AMERICANS AND NINE VIETNAMESE(A). MOT
*STATED THESE FOREIGN NATIONALS WERE BEING DETAINED AT KOH
*TANG ISLAND (1016N 10307E TS9540). ACCORDING TO MOT, THE AMERICAN VESSEL, THE MERSHIP MAYAGUEZ, EN ROUTE FROM HONG KONG TO BANGKOK, WAS CAPTURED AT A POINT SOUTH OF KOH POULO WAI ISLAND (0956N 10257E TR7593). THE THREE VIETNAMESE CRAFT REPORTEDLY HAD ORIGINALLY FLED SOUTH VIETNAM FOR THAILAND UPON THE COLLAPSE OF THE FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT; MOT CLAIMED THAT WHEN THE KC CAPTURED THEM THE VIETNAMESE CRAFT WERE EN ROUTE FROM THAILAND TO AN UNDISCLOSED POINT. MOT REQUESTED GUIDANCE FROM MOK PROBABLY CONCERNING THESE SEIZURES AS WELL AS CONCERNING A PROBLEM OF VIETNAMESE FISHING ACTIVITY PROBABLY IN CAMBODIA WATERS, OPERATING FROM PHU QUOC ISLAND (1019N 10400E US9040). A SECOND KC COMMUNICATIONS OF 13 MAY DISCLOSED THE AMERICANS HAD BEEN SEIZED IN MOT'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT THE AMERICANS HAD BEEN TIED UP(B). THIS REPORT OBSERVED THE TACTICAL ACTIVITY OF TWO F-105 AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA ON 13 MAY AND REQUESTED THE DECISION OF THE KC CENTRAL PARTY COMMITTEE (CPC). AN UNIDENTIFIED KC AUTHORITY PROBABLY IN THE KOMPONG SOM (1037N 10330E US3775)/REAM (1035N 10339E US5376) AREA REPORTED "MUCH" AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY ON 14 MAY. ACCORDING TO THE AUTHORITY, A KC VESSEL, TYPE UNDISCLOSED, HAD BEEN FIRED ON AND SUNK BY THE AIRCRAFT(C). UNSPECIFIED CALIBER KC "ARTILLERY" REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN PREPARED AT REAM NAVAL BASE AND THE KC WERE TO PREVENT AIRCRAFT FROM "ENTERING" REAM. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AN UNIDENTIFIED KC OPERATIONAL AUTHORITY WAS ORDERED TO "KEEP THEM (PROBABLY A REFERENCE TO THE SEAMEN) ON THE SIDE TOWARDS THE ENEMY." THE AUTHORITY WAS ALSO TOLD THAT THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS (VNC) "WILL HELP" THE KC. ANOTHER COMMUNICATION OF 14 MAY REFERRED TO EFFORTS PROBABLY TO APPROACH THE VNC CONCERNING THE MAYAGUEZ SITUATION(D). A THIRD KC COMMUNICATION OF 14 MAY ADVISED AN UNIDENTIFIED KC AUTHORITY, PROBABLY IN THE KOMPONG SOM AREA, THAT "HELP IS ON THE WAY" AND PROVIDED GUIDANCE POSSIBLY FROM THE KC CPC THAT THE "ENEMY" MUST NOT BE PERMITTED TO COME. POSSIBLY IN RESPONSE, A KC AUTHORITY REPORTED THAT "THE SHIP," THE MAYAGUEZ, WAS TRANSPORTING

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MACHINERY AND NOT WEAPONS(E). HOWEVER, ON 15 MAY KC COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED NEW GUIDANCE ON THE SITUATION, PROBABLY ORIGINATING FROM THE CPC. AN UNIDENTIFIED KC AUTHORITY ORDERED A PROBABLE OPERATIONAL AUTHORITY TO LET THE AMERICANS "TAKE THE SHIP AND LEAVE" AND TO "LET THE AMERICANS GO." THE KC CONVERSATION DISCLOSED FURTHER THAT THE KC WOULD PERMIT THE "AMERICANS AND THAIS" TO RETURN TO THE SHIP(F). THE KC OPERATIONAL
*FORCES WERE REPORTEDLY AWARE THAT U.S. MARINES WERE ON BOARD THE MAYAGUEZ; THE KC INTENDED TO MAINTAIN A CLOSE SURVEILLANCE OF AMERICAN ACTIVITIES AND WERE DETERMINED TO DEFEND THEMSELVES TO AVOID CAPTURE BY THE AMERICANS. XGDS-2 XXHH #8182 NNN

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