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I. INTRODUCTION

This is a compilation of all pertinent material from 22 April 1964 to 05 Jun 1964 observed in messages passed via the communications facilities serving the Air Defense Command Post (ADCP), Military Region Three and its subordinate units. The 14th Battalion, 330th Brigade; the 14th Battalion, 350th Brigade; the 14th Battalion, 320th Division and the 213th (C Validity AA (AW)) Regiment are involved in the air defense activities controlled by ADCP.

These entities appear to be responsible for the air defense of the three military regions along the coastline of the DRV. Recent messages suggest that this air defense responsibility encompasses not only visual/radar air observation and reporting but the defense against raiders and resupply paradrops.

As this activity continues to be observed this report will be updated as volume and information warrant.

II. AIR DEFENSE COMMAND POST, MILITARY REGION III

The entity serving as control for this activity has been addressed as both Headquarters Air Defense and Air Defense Command Post (ADCP), Military Region Three. The exact and separate functions cannot be determined at this time.

A. Personalities

MUOONG	Originates messages from ADCP.
QUANG HUNGF	Originates messages from ADCP.

B. Pertinent Messages

ADCP is to be considered the originator unless otherwise specified.

Item 1 Date: 22 April 1964

FR: HUNG

TO: 14th Battalion, 330th Brigade.

TEXT: Has ((the location)) of emplacement number two been confirmed? Immediately report the location to the command post no later than 23 April.

Item 2 Date: 30 April 1964

FR: HUNG

TO: All Units.

TEXT: The directive from comrade ((XGM)) take precautions against an enemy attack. On 01 May the units must organize their watch in preparation for a well coordinated struggle. When the enemy is within range of our firepower it is possible that we can destroy them. The military commanders of all echelons must immediately go directly to the watch ((in order to)) forward a list of those on the watch to the Military Region Air Defense Command Post by 1800 hours ((Golf Time)) 30 April.

Item 3 Date: 04 May 1964

FR: QUANG HUNG

TO: 213th (C Validity AA (AW)) Regiment.

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TEXT: At 1900 hours ((Golf Time)) 04 May the regiment is to move troops to the NGHIA HUNG District unit. In order to ((2 GR G/U)) one company disguised and ((maintain)) secrecy ((1 GR G)) the troops are not to go downtown. At 1900 hours ((Golf Time)) 07 May return to the old emplacement at the state farm. At 1900 hours ((Golf Time)) 11 May transfer the regimental emplacement ((XGM)) encrpyted ((means)) to let the state farm director know that one company will be coming and going.

Item 4 Date: 04 May 1964

TO: 14th Battalion, 330th ((Brigade)).

TEXT: at 1900 hours ((Golf Time)) 04 May the battalion is to move back to the (B Validity Southwest) to unite with CHI and DONG. (B Validity while) on the way leave the 14 millimeter ((machine gun)) company to work at the 556th Regiment, 4 kilometers from TIEN HAI. Continue to study. At 1900 hours ((Golf Time)) 07 May return ((2 GR G/U)) to the old emplacement. Comrade, at 1900 hours ((Golf Time)) 11 May this company is to return to the new emplacement ((2 GR G/M)).

Item 5 Date: 04 May 1964

TO: 320th Division, 350th Brigade, 213th (C Validity AA (AW)) Regiment, and 330th Brigade.

TEXT: ((XGM)) (B Validity continue) to turn around and go back over your former positions. To receive the pre-flights ((4 GR G/M)) organize the use of P109 ((A)) in order to receive ((the pre-flights)) from 2200 hours to 0100 hours ((Golf Time)) tommorow. If there are enemy planes, fire in the usual manner ((X GR G/M)).
((A)) R-109 Soviet VHF transceiver.

Item 6 Date: 05 May 1964

TO: 14th Battalion, 330th Division, 350th Brigade, 320th Division, 213th (C Validity AA (AW)) Regiment.

TEXT: The military commanders are to come up to the Military Region Air Defense Command Post to exchange preliminary steps with the political officer and the political commissar concerning the political assignment in guaranteeing the development and the training. Forward any ideas ((on subjects)) other than ((those mentioned above)).

Item 7 Date: 06 May 1964

FR: HUNG

TO: 14th Battalion, 330th Brigade

TEXT: It is agreed that the equipment can be used for one day. Report on the situation of the 14.5 millimeter ((machine gun)) company.

On 08 and 09 ((May)) there is to be a commanders' conference.

Item 8 Date: 12 May 1964

FR: HUNG

TO: 14th Battalion, 320th ((Division)), Comrade LUONG Chief of Staff and Comrade TUT ((Commander)) 14.5 millimeter ((machine gun company)).

TEXT: At exactly 0630 hours ((Golf Time)) 13 May, be

at the 320th ((Division)) ((3 GR G/U)) the executive officer of the 320th ((Division)) to receive the duty of investigating living conditions at the emplacements ((2 GR G/M)) 16 May.

Item 9 Date: 17 May 1964

FR: HUNG

TO: 330th ((Brigade)), 350th ((Brigade)), 320th ((Division)), and 213th (C Validity AA (AW)) ((Regiment)).

TEXT: From 2400 hours to 0400 hours ((Golf Time)) tonight, all units, ((during)) the (B Validity second) watch, must pay attention for ((enemy)) reconnaissance ((aircraft)) in the sky. Prepare to fight. Published as 2/G9/VHM/T10-64.

Item 10 Date: 21 May 1964

FR: QUANG HUNGF

TO: ((14th Battalion, 330th Brigade, 350th Brigade, 320th Division, 213th (C Validity AA (AW) Regiment))

TEXT: ((In regard to)) the call signs and frequencies ((used by)) the air defense commands with headquarters, the following is to be implemented on 21 May: From 0600 hours to 2000 hours ((Golf Time)) the Day Frequency is to be used; from 2000 hours to 0600 hours ((Golf Time)) the Night Frequency is to be used. The Evening Frequency is to be deleted. The call-signs are to remain in use.

Item 11 Date: 24 May 1964

FR: QUANG HUNG

TO: ((14th Battalion)), 320th ((Division)).

TEXT: The two previously mentioned aircraft are ours.

Item 12 Date: 29 May 1964

FR: Q HUNG

TO: ((213th (C Validity AA (AW) Regiment)).

TEXT: The commander of the 213th ((Regiment)) and the commander of the military region have approved the regiment's appointment of Comrade MIEU to go ((XGM)) 20 millimeter for ((3 GR G/M)) rear services ((XGM)) one week. At ((2 GR M)) 30 hours ((Golf Time)) 01 June, Comrade MIEU is to be present at the Air Defense Command Post. He is to bring along the records of the 20 millimeter weapons ((firing)) exercises.

If Comrade MIEU has ration money and rice certificates he is to bring them all. On 15 June he will proceed with the mission and go by vehicle to Y ((1 GR U)) GIANG. See Section VI, Item 18.

Item 13 Date: 30 May 1964

FR: HUNG

TO: 213th (C Validity AA (AW)) Regiment.

TEXT: Orders for the regiment: The enemy dropped raiders in the hill area of LAC THUY District at about 2130 hours ((Golf Time))

29 May. We have encircled ((them)).

The Regiment is to urgently alter their area of deployment as follows: One company is to be deployed at THO CAU, PHUONG LUONG to the west of KIM BANG District, HA NAM ((Province)) - 8288. Two companies are to go back to the area of GIA VIEN District, TE MY, DOAN BINH, NGO DONG - 5088 - ((on the)) 1 to 500,000 ((map)). In order to ((7 GR C/M)).

Item 14 Date: 31 May 1964

FR: Q HUNG

TO: 213th (C Validity AA (AW)) Regiment.

TEXT: On the way to GIA VIEN go to LAC THUY (B Validity to look for) an emplacement alongside the unit below the (B Validity BAT MOT) crossroads. On the one to 200,000 map the coordinates are 2070.

Item 15 Date: 02 June 1964

FR: QUANG HUNG

TO: 14th Battalion, 330th ((Brigade)); 14th Battalion, 213th (C Validity AA (AW)) Regiment, 320th ((Division))

TEXT: The units are to report immediately the developments of last evening, 31 May, and the activities of the units in regard to (C Validity overflights) ((with)) objectives in ((your area of)) activity.

At 0100 hours ((Golf Time)) receive ((2 GR G/U)) message ((3 GR G)). At exactly 1900 hours ((Golf Time)) you must report back to the Military Region Air Defense Command Post immediately in order to report along with the commanders.

Item 16 Date: 02 June 1964.

FR: Q HUNG

TO: 213th (c Validity AA(AW)) Regiment.

TEXT: On the afternoon of 03 June I will come down to work with Comrade RIEU and Comrade CAT ((on these problems)): one party conference; the deployment of cadres; attendance of the transportation schools; arrangements for cadre to inspect the work; deployment of the emplacements and implementation of watch procedure ((for)) firing training.

This communique is to let the units know that the ((above)) work must be completed by 05 June.

Item 17 Date: 03 June 1964

FR: Q HUNG

TO: 14th Battalion, 320th ((Division)), 330th((Brigade)) , ((350th Brigade)), ((213th(C Validity AA (AW) Regiment)).

TEXT: All units must position personnel, ((carrying)) infantry weapons, prepared to quickly annihilate the raiders.

In case of an air drop in ((your)) (B Validity area) of deployment contact the above units to coordinate the methods of implementing action. Published as 2/G9/VHM/T17-64.

Item 18 Date: 05 June 1964

FR: Q HUNG

TO: ((14th Battalion, 320th Division)).

TEXT: ((We)) agree to ((your)) suggestion to transfer to BEN NGOC. See Section V, Item 8.

Item 19 Date: 06 June 1964

FR: MUONG

TO: 14th Battilion, 350th((Brigade)).

TEXT: In answer to your message dated 04 June:

Every ((aircraft)) (C Validity taking off) to the right and left - 25 kilometers on every side of NINH GIANG is working within the flight pattern of HAI DUONG and CAT BI.

((Another)) problem that ((must)) be realized is that until an outline is received a concrete estimate of the time cannot be made. See Section IV, Item 19.

Item 20 Date: 05 June 1964

FR: QUANG HUNG

TO: ((14th Battilion, 320th Division)).

TEXT: It is only possible to go to BEN NGOC. Do not go to DOC CUN. See Section V, Item 9

III. 14TH BATTALION, 330TH BRIGADE

A. SUBORDINATE UNITS

UNIT	LOCATION	DATE
	1:100,000 MAP	
COMPANY 45	X481050 Y6((1GRM))650	23 APRIL 1964
COMPANY 46	X48150 Y62900	
COMPANY 47	X((1GRG))81((1GRG))00 Y6((1GRG))48	23 APRIL 1964
COMPANY 48	X481000 Y62900	23 APRIL 1964
	1:25,000 MAP	
COMPANY 45	X56300 Y53675	01 JUNE 1964
COMPANY 46	X57350 Y52800	01 JUNE 1964
COMPANY 47	X573((1GRM))5 Y53775	01 JUNE 1964
COMPANY ((48))	((XGM))	01 JUNE 1964
COMMAND POST	X56((1GRM))25 Y55250	01 JUNE 1964

B. EQUIPMENT

14.5 Millimeter Machine Gun

R-109 Soviet VHF Transceiver

C. PERSONALITIES

DIJ	Unidentified personality
NGUYLENX VIEETJ HUNGF	Battalion Commander
LWU VAWN KIEEN	Unidentified personality

D. Pertinent Messages

All messages are going to ADCP unless otherwise specified.

Item 1 Date: 23 April 1964

TEXT: This is to report all was secure throughout the day and night. During the day the unit was able to study.

Item 2 Date: 23 April 1964

TEXT: The Battalion has reconnoitered the location ((XGM)) on the 1 to 100,000 Map 48130 ((A)) ((4GRG/M)) X48142((A)) of BAT LAT ((B)) 120 ((meters)) southeast of the village of LOC TRUNG ((C)).

Company 45 X481050 Y6((1GRM))650
Company 46 X48150 Y62900
Company 47 X((1GRG))81((1GRG))00 Y6((1GRG))48
Company 48 X481000 Y62900
Air Defense Command ((XGRG/M/U))

Item 3 Date: 27 April 1964

FR: HUNG

TEXT: ((XGM)) we are already aware of the new coordinates of the map ((XGM)) At 1900 hours ((Golf Time)) 26 ((April)) ((XGM/G)) of the Air Defense must return to the Brigade to request ((it)). Only then can it be obtained. From 1800 hours ((Golf Time)) 25 ((April)) to 1400 hours ((Golf Time)) 26 ((April)) there was an alert for an enemy aircraft. The unit was unable to do anything.

Item 4 Date: 28 April 1964

FR: NGUYEN VIET HUNG

TEXT: We are studying the mission in accordance with the program.

At 0815 hours ((Golf Time)) 27 ((April)) there were loud sounds and message number three was missed.

(C Validity Overflights) one, three and five were out of range of the map. Only (C Validity overflight) five was within the map of the 17th Battalion ((by)) 5 kilometers. On the ground it was calm.

On 28 April 1964 at 0814 hours ((Golf Time)) (C Validity overflight) three ((is scheduled)) ((and)) (C Validity overflight) four at 0848 hours ((Golf Time)) 200 kilometers ((away. The battle watch ((will be)) executed strictly and exactly.

Item 5 Date: 30 April 1964

FR: HUNG

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TEXT: All the battalions are prepared for the struggle on 01 May. ((Remainder of the message corrupt))

Item 6 Date: 02 May 1964

FR: NGUYEN VIET HUNG

TEXT: -The unit is studying the mission in accordance with the program.

At 0935 hours ((Golf Time)) an enemy aircraft appeared in the sky. ((soon)) after that the observation station discovered they had a selection of a ((scheduled)) aircraft in the distance. They reported all calm at 0945 hours ((Golf Time)). ((With)) all calm on the ground they properly and strictly executed the regulations. Warmest Regards.

Item 7 Date: 05 May 1964

FR: HUNG

TEXT: ((XGM)) cannot come down to guarantee security. I suggest the Military Region allow us to use the equipment for one day.

Item 8 Date: 11 May 1964

FR: LUU VAN KIEN

TEXT: ((This is)) the situation of the fight preparations to guarantee ((XGM)) the enemy in the air for the past few days. At 09 (B Validity 30) hours ((Golf Time)) on ((1GRM)) May there were ((XGM)) on 08, 09, and 10 May all were 150 kilometers or more away from the emplacement.

On 09 May the unit experienced rain from 0200 hours ((Golf Time)) in the morning until 0600 hours ((Golf Time)). The entire unit was unable to sleep. On the evening of 10 May it rained from night until morning, water flooded the position and this is to report that all companies suffered rain soaking. The health of the unit has been affected.

Item 9 Date: 12 May 1964

FR: LUU VAN KIEM

TEXT: In accordance with the plan the 14.5 millimeter ((machine gun)) company moved the troops and transfered the emplacement at exactly 1900 hours ((Golf Time)) 11 May. Because of the rain the road was dangerously slippery and a vehicle overturned at 2050 hours ((Golf Time)). One comrade was seriously injured and one comrade died. He could not be saved. At the present time, the movement of troops has been delayed, on the morning of 12 May a specific report will be made.

Item 10 Date: 12 May 1964

FR: LUU VAN KIEN

TEXT: The ((vehicle)) overturned from the top of a high road down into a ditch in the direction of the ricefield, the water (B Validity level) was one meter deep. Comrade TR((1GRU)) VAN CHAT ((TR((1GRU)) VAWN CHAATS)) ((B)) ((WHO)) began work in October 1963 is dead. Two other comrades were seriously injured - one broke his arm and the other broke his leg. Another comrade is unsteady and cannot speak. The vehicle is damaged and will be difficult to pull out. Comrade VIET ((VIEETJ)) ((C)), the battalion commander, was in the above vehicle but had no trouble. Suggest the Military Region forward its opinions.

Item 11 Date: 12 May 1964

FR: LUU VAN KIEN

TEXT: Herewith a confirmed report on the accident:

One comrade is dead and three are injured, one seriously, two lightly. ((XGM)) comrades arm ((XGM)) The comrade that suffered serious head injuries and a (B Validity sprained) foot has already ((XGM)), by midnight ((2GRG/U)), the comrade with the injured arm had been taken to the unit for aid.

Their vehicle was pulled out at 1000 hours ((Golf Time)) the ((next)) morning. It was only slightly damaged and was still able to run. The dents in the vehicle were pushed out and mended on the spot it overturned. Their vehicle has been fixed sufficiently to work as before and can resume the transport duties around the region ((XGM)). At exactly 2000 hours ((Golf Time)) the above unit will occupy a new emplacement, the immediate task is to mobilize the unit. Then it can proceed to TIEN DONG.

Item 12 Date: 13 May 1964

FR: VIET HUNG

TEXT: The circumstances involving company 48, a 14.5 millimeter ((machine gun company)), have been resolved. The vehicle has been brought back to the new battalion emplacement.

At 1900 hours ((Golf Time)) 12 May the unit continued with the study mission.

The Battalion has directed Company 48 to carry out ((the gathering)) of statistics for lost or damaged weapons, military equipment and military supplies and report back to the Military Region later.

On 15 May the Battalion will follow with an order for the vehicle to go ((8GRG/M/U)) The emplacement terrain for the 14.5 ((machine gun)) Company. The region was exposed to much rain which covered the road with water making movements difficult.

Item 13 Date: 25 May 1964

FR: HUNG

TEXT: The unit is studying the mission in accordance with the program ((XGM)) An enemy aircraft appeared at a range of 7 kilometers at an altitude of ((1GRM)) 5 kilometers, it could not be observed ((XGM/U)) calm and the 14.5 millimeter ((machine gun)) Company ran its military operation according to the plan that the region had stipulated. There was/is no ((2GRG)) at all.

Item 14 Date: 01 June 1964

FR: DI

TEXT: ((XGM)) let us know clearly the coordinates so that we can search in the right ((spot)) ((XGRM/G)) one to 100,000. I suggest you let us know right away so that the search ((can begin))

At 1900 hours ((Golf Time)) 01 June ((XGM)) the unit will move back to KIEN XUONG District. On the one to 25,000 Map, the coordinates are as follows:

Company 45	X56300	Y53675
Company 46	X57350	Y52800
Company 47	X573((1GRM))5	Y53775
Company ((48))	((XGM))	
Command Post	X56((1GRM))25	Y55250

At about 0300 hours ((Golf Time)) the unit will arrive at the new position. Published as 2/G9/VHM/T13-64.

IV. 14TH BATTALION, 350TH BRIGADE

A. Subordinate Units

UNIT	LOCATION	DATE
COMPANY 18	KIEN AN	08 May 1964
COMPANY 20		11 May 1964
COMPANY 21	QUY CAO STATE FARM	28 May 1964
COMPANY 20	2 KILOMETERS FROM PHAN THO	02 June 1964
COMPANY 18	KIEN AN	02 June 1964
COMPANY 19	NINH GIANG AREA	02 June 1964
COMPANY 21	NINH GIANG AREA	02 June 1964

B. Equipment

14.5 millimeter ((machine gun))

37 millimeter AA gun

R-109 Soviet VHF Transceiver

C. Personalities

CAAPJ	Unidentified Personality
SOWN	Unidentified Personality
NGUYEENX DAAUS VOX	Unidentified Personality

D. Pertinent Messages

All messages are going to ADCP unless otherwise specified.

Item 1 Date: 24 April 1964

FR: VO

TEXT: This si to report that the unit is studying according to the program.

There is nothing special to report on the air- ground situation.

The above is a sample of a formated negative report sent in daily by the unit if it has nothing special to report.

Item 2 Date: 25 April 1964

FR: NGUYEN DAU VO

TEXT: ((X GR G)) secret map coordinates of 99 ((X GR M)) air defense ((2 GR G)) of the headquarters have been changed up there. Presently we are not clear and it is embarrasing. In the air ((over)) areas where we are deployed there is nothing ((to report)).

Item 3 Date: 28 April 1964

FR: DAU VO

TEXT: There is nothing special to report on the air-ground situation.

The 14.5 millimeter ((machine gun)) company will occupy emplacement two on the evening of 28 May.

Item 4 Date: 29 April 1964

FR: DAU VO

TEXT: There is nothing special to report on the air-ground situation.

The machine gun company has already occupied the emplacement ((4 GR G/U)) for the chart ((to extablish)) communications.

Item 5 Date: 01 May 1964

FR: DAU VO

TEXT: ((1 GR G)) there is nothing special to report on the air-ground situation. The (B Validity P1C9) ((B)) watch ((and)) the company watch ((are on the)) MINH PHUONG (YC)) road. We have ((maintained)) the watch throughout the day and night ((2 GR G)) cadre unit ((3 GR G)).

Item 6 Date: 04 May 1964

FR: DAU VO

TEXT: At present there is a general assembly of the party committee ((X GR G/H)) the battalion. There is nothing special to report on the air-ground situation.

Item 7 Date: 07 May 1964

FR: CAP

TEXT: ((In regard to)) (B Validity the air-ground) situation there is nothing significant to report.

The unit is studying the mission in accordance with the plan for May.

Company 18 has gone on a military operation to ((13 GR G/H)) again following the brigade's order. Presently they are at KIEN AN.

Item 8 Date: 08 May 1964

FR: CAP

TEXT: The situation ((report)) for the unit: On 07 May 1964, two companies ((B)), one a 37 millimeter ((AA)) company, the other a 14.5 millimeter ((machine-gun)) company, and an infantry battalion ((B)), organized an inspection on the first phase of the May emulation. At 1900 hours ((Golf Time)) 06 May, Company 18 moved back to KIEN AN and spent the night there and later, in accordance with the former plan, the battalion ((D))

organized an observation watch system far out in the(B Validity direction) of the mouth of the THAI BINH River ((E)). ((3 GR G/M)) the battalion command section spotted the enemy at ((an altitude of)) approximately 1600 meters in the distance. Nothing was observed from the ground ((with regard)) to the enemy ((aircraft)) activity.

On 07 May, from 0842 hours to (B Validity 1050 hours) there was a battalion ((B)) alert. From 0025 hours 07 May to 0300 hours 08 May there was ((another)) alert.

((B)) Qte C and D unqte in text. Standard PAVN abbreviation for company and battalion respectively.

((D)) Qte TIEEUR DOANF unqte in text. Means qte battalion unqte.

Item 9 Date: 11 May 1964

FR: CAP

TEXT: ((XGM)) the task of moving the equipment of the battalion has met with diff iculty ((XGM)) have Company 18 continue to remain ((there)) ((XGM)).

Item 10 Date: 11 May 1964

FR: H

TEXT: ((XGM)) night and day ((XGM)) Company 18 (B Validity transferred) from emplacement one, that emplacement had rain and was extremely muddy.

Company 20, last night - 10 May, pulled out (C Validity its batteries) and deployed them to a nearby region of the state farm. The work is progressing.

Item 11 Date: 14 May 1964

FR: VO

TEXT: On 13 May at about 0800 hours ((Golf Time)) ((XGM)) (C Validity appeared) one ((7 GR G)) five kilometers away from the unit. There is nothing special ((to report)) on the ground situation.

The termain, ((due to)) the rain, was muddy and movement was impossible.

Item 12 Date: 19 May 1964

FR: VO

TEXT: ((XGM)) enemy 18 May, ((throughout)) the day and night there was nothing special. ((Should)) there be an alert, then the communique will be followed.

Item 13 Date: 26 May 1964

FR: VO

TEXT: ((XGM)) according to ((1 GR G)) number 26. About 2000 hours ((Golf Time)) 25 ((May)) ((3 GR G)) went out. On the ground there is nothing special to report.

Item 14 Date: 27 May 1964

FR: VO

TEXT: There is nothing special ((to report)) for the day-night situation of 26 ((May)).

In accordance with the orders from Air Defense the brigade will be on military operations from about 1000 hours ((Golf Time)) 26 May to 2200 hours ((Golf Time)) 27 May. When we will arrive in the QUY CAO ((B)) state farm area - coordinates X77 Y55 on the one to 25,000 map.

Item 15 Date: 28 May 1964

FR: VO

TEXT: From about 2315 hours ((Golf Time)) to 0315 hours ((Golf Time)) there was an alert. One C47 ((flew over)) at an altitude of 40 ((B)), 105 kilometers from the unit. The unit normally has ((2 GR G)) stay aware and studies.

Company 21 has already reached the QUY CAO ((C)) state farm ((located)) at the coordinates already reported.

((B)) Unknown measurement

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Item 16 Date: 29 May 1964

FR: VO

TEXT: On 28 May there was nothing significant to report on the air-ground situation.

The unit is studying in accordance with the military affairs program.

At night we guarantee excellent combat ((readiness)).

Item 17 Date: 02 June 1964

FR: VO

TEXT: It took from 2300 hours ((Golf Time)) ((last)) night to 0500 hours ((Golf Time)) ((this)) morning to move the troops to the NINH GIANG ((B)) area. Upon arrival the battalion ((2 GR G/U)) companies 19 and 21. Company 18 is still at KIEN AN ((C)) and Company 20 is presently two kilometers from PHAN TAO ((D)). This movement guarantees security.

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Item 18 Date: 03 June 1964

FR: VO

TEXT: The unit maneuvers guaranteed security ((1 GR G)) back to ((7 GR G/M)).

There is nothing special ((to report)).

Item 19 Date: 04 June 1964

FR: SON

TEXT: ((In regard to)) developments in the area, it was very windy during the night just as it was during the day.

The unit studied during the day ((2 GR G)) it was calm.

We suggest you let us know the flight path of our aircraft from HANOI, HAI DUONG, and CAT BI THAT fly past the NINH GIANG ((BV area)) because last evening we heard an engine here and fixed it as ours. See Section II, Item 19.

Item 20 Date: 05 June 1964

FR: SON

TEXT: Today the unit is studying artillery theory and tactics.

The air-ground situation is calm.

The unit says everyone is healthy.

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V. 14TH BATTALION, 320TH DIVISION

A. Subordinate Units

Unit	Location	Date
Company 27	HOA ((LAC))	27 May 1964
Company 1	X10 Y3699	02 June 1964
Company 2	X10 Y3494	02 June 1964
Company 3	X10 Y3495	02 June 1964
Company 4	X10 Y3495	02 June 1964
Command Post	X10 Y3698	02 June 1964

Map: 1:100,000

B. Equipment

R-109 Soviet VHF Transceiver.

C. Personalities

IE LWONG - Chief of Staff of the 14th Battalion.

NGUYEENX VAWN NGHIJ - Staff Watch

TUTS - ((Commander)) 14.5 millimeter ((machine gun company))

D. Pertinent Messages

All messages are going to ADCP unless otherwise specified.

Item 1 Date: 09 May 1964

TEXT: We have just finished repairing the receiver. Now the station can begin working in accordance with the prearranged stipulations.

Item 2 Date: 12 May 1964

FR: LE LUONG

TEXT: The message ((2 GR G)) at 1630 hours ((Golf Time)) ((XGRM)) do not have the means to go in that manner. At 0630 hours ((Golf Time)) 13 May we will leave for CO CAM ((B)) (B Validity in accordance with the directive).

Item 3 Date: 23 May 1964

FR: NGHI

TEXT: This evening, 23 May, it was reported that two U-2 aircraft flew past PHU THO ((B)) about 2000 hours ((Golf Time)). Why were there two? Let us know if the plane is ours or the enemy's.

Item 4 Date: 24 May 1964

FR: LUONG

TEXT: From 1800 hours ((Golf Time)) to 2200 hours ((Golf Time)) there were three (C Validity overflights), they were aircraft that were not on the preflights and unnatural ((2 GR G)) numbers. Suggest the above be clearly identified as ours or the enemy. We do not want to fire mistakenly and if it is the enemy ((it will be too late)) to fire.

Item 5 Date: 27 May 1964

FR: NGUYEN VAN NGHI

TEXT: This is to report that at 1800 hours ((Golf Time)) 26 May, Company 27 moved back to HOA ((1 GR M)) ACJ ((B)) ((2 GR G)) West. At 0045 hours ((Golf Time)) 27 ((May)) they had completely occupied ((their position)) and could guarantee security ((XGR/G/U)).

Item 6 Date: 29 May 1964

TEXT: Do you have the preflights for (C Validity overflights) 12,13 and 14? If so will you retransmit them immediately in the same manner that the Air Defense Headquarters uses. ((This is necessary)) because I did not receive them (C Validity clearly). I will wait for you to clear this up.

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Item 7 Date: 02 June 1964

FR: LE LUONG

TEXT: This is to report that during the first phase of the military operation we carefully ((B)) moved back to XUAN MAI ((C)) ((maintaining)) security.

This evening we continued the operation, phase two, and returned to our new emplacements. At the present time we are located at X10 Y36 on the 1:100,000 map.

Company 1 is located at X10 Y3699.
Company 2 is located at X10 Y3494.
Company 3 is located at X10 Y3495.
Company 4 is located at Battalion - X10 Y3495.
The Command Post is located at X10 Y3698.

((B)) Qte BAATS BATJ unqte in text. Literally, qte Without negligence unqte.

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Item 8 Date: 04 June 1964

FR: LE LUONG

TEXT: At present the emplacement is located along the SONG DANG ((B)). ((As far)) up ((as)) BEN NGOC ((C)) movement is impossible. We suggest the military region allow us to transfer to coordinates X06 Y349 BEN NGOC. The regiment has already agreed. Please answer immediately.

See: Section II, Item 18.

Item 9 Date: 05 June 1964

FR: WUAN ON

TEXT: According to information from the locality in regard to enemy air activity in DOC CUN ((B)) there are numerous enemy aircraft there. ((Therefore)) we suggest the military region allow us to transfer back to DOC CUN. Please answer immediately.

See: Section II, Item 20.

VI. 213TH (C VALIDITY AA (AW)) REGIMENT

A. Subordinate Units

Unit	Location	Date
Company 1		02 May 1964
Company 1	YEN MO	01 June 1964
Company 2	Marching to NGO DONG GIA VIEN	01 June 1964
Company 3	BA DA, HA NAM	01 June 1964

B. Equipment

R 109 Soviet VHF Transceiver
20 millimeter machine gun
Infantry weapons

C. Personalities

AN	Signed for operations
ATS	Unidentified personality
BAS	Signed for operations
CATS	Signed for command
CHIS	Unidentified personality
CHONIS	Signed for watch command
DOONG	Unidentified personality
KHAI	Signed for operations
KHAN	Signed for regiment
KHUEE	Signed for operations
KIEEMR	Signed for command
LAAN (X)	Signed for operations
LIEEN	Signed for watch command
MIEEU	Associated with 20 millimeter machine gun training
NOONG	Signed for operations

PHWONGJ	Signed for operations
RIEEUR	Signed for regiment
TACS	Signed for regiment
THANH	Signed for operations

D. Pertinent Messages

All messages are going to ADCP unless otherwise specified.

Item 1 Date: 22 April 1964

TEXT: This is to report that at about 1000 hours ((Golf Time)) there was an enemy aircraft flying past the emplacement ((7 GR G/M)) did not fire. The watch command worked to ((5 GR G/M)) the battalion staff ((5 GR G)) the entire regiment to struggle ((4 GR G/M)) assemble the entire regiment to ((2 GR G/U)) political shortcomings.

Item 2 Date: 29 April 1964

FR: Watch command, CHOI; Operations, PHUONG; TAC

TEXT: There was enemy air ((activity)) in the distance. Conditions at the regiment were calm and the studied in accordance with the program.

Item 3 Date: 02 May 1964

FR: Command, CAT

TEXT: This is to report that during the day there were ((1 GR M)) (C Validity overflights) of enemy aircraft active in the distance. One (C Validity overflight) was active in the CAM THUY area. The unit studied in accordance with the program ((2 GR G/M)).

Item 4 Date: 08 May 1964

FR: Command, LIEN; Operations, THANH; CAT

TEXT: On 08 May there were two enemy (C Validity overflights). (C Validity overflight) one was an F84 over CAN LOC, HA TINH ((Province)). (C Validity overflight) two was a C47 over QUYNH LAN.

The unit studied. The cadre ((and)) a number ((of students)) that were studying the movement of troops at Company One's location have gone up to the old position.

Item 5 Date: 10 May 1964

FR: Command, LIEN; Operations, LAN; CAT

TEXT: Enemy air activity report: There were three (C Validity overflights). Two ((of the aircraft)) appeared at an altitude of 500 ((meters)) 250 kilometers to the south. The other one was at an altitude of 350 ((meters)) 260 kilometers to the south of the unit.

This morning we studied. This afternoon the regiment organized an inspection tour of all companies in order to guarantee good communications with the company that is dispersed.

We suggest you let us know which direction we should work so that timely preparations can be made.

Item 6 Date: 13 May 1964

FR: Command, KIEM; Operations, PHUONG; KHUE

TEXT: This is to report that on 12 May the enemy appeared in the air ((XGM)) in accordance with the program. The company that ((had been)) dispersed returned safely at about 0400 hours ((Golf Time)) 12 May.

Item 7 Date: 13 May 1964

FR: Command, ((2 GR G)); Operations, NONG; KHAM

TEXT: This is to report that there were four enemy (C Validity overflights) appearing from 0812 hours to 0834 hours and ((from)) 0815 hours to 1025 hours ((Golf Time)). The (C Validity overflights). At 0824 hours ((Golf Time)) was seven kilometers from the emplacement. On the ground there was nothing. The unit studied in accordance with the program. Company 1 ((6 GR G/M/U)).

Item 8 Date: 18 May 1964

FR: Command ((and)) Operations, KHAI ((and)) TAC

TEXT: This is to report that at 0825 hours ((Golf Time)) there was the sound of an aircraft ((6 GR G/M/U)) of the regiment. It could not be observed because it was very high. On the ground it was calm.

Item 9 Date: 19 May 1964

FR: KIEM

TEXT: At 2210 hours ((Golf Time)) there was the sound of an enemy aircraft at a distance of 68 kilometers from the regimental emplacement in a ((3 GR G)) direction.

Item 10 Date: 22 May 1964

FR: Command, KIEM; Operations, LAN; TAC

TEXT: Aerial report for 21 May, there was an enemy activity in the distance. (B Validity it is calm) the unit is ((studying in accordance with)) the program.

Item 11 Date: 22 May 1964

FR: Watch command, LIEN; Operations, NONG; TAC

TEXT: This is to report that during the day ((2 GR G)) enemy appeared, in the VINH-THANH HOA operational area. ((5 GR G/M)) special ((1 GR M)) speed of 60 kilometers per hour.

Item 12 Date: 23 May 1964

FR: Command Section ((and)) Operations, THANH ((and)) TAC

TEXT: This is to report that during the day there were ((1 GR M)) (C Validity overflights) active ((4 GR G)) and the border.

The unit studied in accordance with the program.

Item 13 Date: 24 May 1964

FR: Command, LIEN; Operations, AN; TAC

TEXT: This is to report that there were two (C Validity overflights) active in the distance.

At present we are resting. The units made every effort to study and labor this morning.

Item 14 Date: 26 May 1964

FR: Command, CHOI; Operations, BAS; TAC

TEXT: This is to report that ((during)) the night there were two (C Validity overflights) with the operational objective in VINH and HON ME. ((During)) the day there were ((4 GR G)) activities in KIM BOI, HOA BINH ((Province)).

The unit studied in accordance with the program.

Item 15 Date: 28 May 1964

FR: CAT

TEXT: This is to report that at about 2005 hours ((Golf Time)) the unit very clearly heard the sound of an enemy aircraft 12 kilometers from our ((position)). The entire group went on a first level (B Validity alert). After five minutes the radar finally picked it up.

Item 16 Date: 29 May 1964

FR: Command, CAT; Operations, KHUE

TEXT: This is to report that it has been calm in the air today. The units are examining the techniques in order to evaluate the results of the studying during the tests.

Item 17 Date: 30 May 1964

FR: CHOI ((and)) KHUE

TEXT: This is to report that there were five (C Validity overflights) above SON LA, LU ((1 GR M)) NGAN, VAN LY, ((16 GR G)) why at ((that)) moment.

Item 18 Date: 30 May 1964

FR: RIEU

TEXT: ((XGM)) This is to report that comrade MIEU left at about 0800 hours ((Golf Time)) 30 May.

See: Section II, Item 12.

Item 19 Date: 31 May 1964

TEXT: I am going on a military operation. (B Validity discontinue) communications at this time.

Item 20 Date: 31 May 1964

FR: Command, LIEN; Operations, ((3 GR G)); TAC

TEXT: This is to report that during the day there was one enemy (C Validity overflight) active in VAN BIEN.

Today the unit carried out the mission of preparing for the military operation which is to take place ((4 GR G/M)).

Item 21 Date: 01 June 1964

FR: RIEU

TO: Comrade QUANG HUNG

TEXT: Comrade AT has gone to reconnoiter the emplacement and in accordance with your decision ((we)) have deployed in the area of TE MY, DOAN BINH, and NGO DONG. There are difficulties maintaining secrecy because ((we)) only have a third level school and the second level students still study in the center of the area. ((Those)) deployed must ((go)) to a co-op store to buy and sell and the vehicle road bordering the area is crowded.

I suggest you let me know your opinions immediately. Personally I am indecisive.

Item 22 Date: 01 June 1964

FR: TAC

TEXT: This is to report that the regiment has set up the unit combat structure as follows:

Company 1 is at YEN MO.
Company 2 is marching to NGO DONG, GIA VIEN.
At present Company 3 is still garrisoned at BA DA, HA NAM ((Province)).

This troop movement will guarantee security tonight. Company 3's move ((is to)) completely seal off ((the enemy)).

Item 23 Date: 02 June 1964

FR: Command, CAT; Operations, THANH; KHUE

TEXT: This to report that there are no enemy within a 150 kilometer circle.

There was one (C Validity overflight) above the school ((5 GR G/M)) east. It is still not clear whether ((the aircraft)) was ours or the enemy's.

The three companies are studying. The last company finished occupying ((its position)) the night of 01 June.

Item 24 Date: 03 June 1964

FR: TAC

TEXT: This is to report that about 2200 hours ((Golf Time)) there were two (C Validity overflights). The sound of ((these)) aircraft moving from direction 3 ((possibly south)) to direction 32 ((possibly southeast)). ((During the)) day there were 7 (C Validity overflights) in the distance. We (B Validity fixed) their position.

The unit will continue to study in accordance with the program.

Item 25 Date: 04 June 1964

FR: LIEN

TEXT: The regiment can only make contact by means of people on bicycles.

Item 26 Date: 04 June 1964

FR: Command; LIEN, Operations; AN

TEXT: This is to report that ((last)) night there was 1 (C Validity overflight). During the day there were 4 (C Validity overflights).

At 1050 hours ((Golf Time)) ((today)) there was 1 (C Validity overflight) 50 kilometers south of NINH BINH ((C)). The target was lost east of HA DONG ((D)).

Item 27 Date: 04 June 1964

TEXT: This is the unit situation report for the past few days:

40 meters of electrical wire were cut.

One person entered ((our)) location. The mounted guard shouted, dismounted in order to pursue ((him)) andopened fire. ((He)) was not captured.))

((2 GR G/M)) weapon ((2 GR G/U)) fired three (C Validity rounds).

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VII. COMMENTS

An effort has been made to keep the evaluation of this material to a minimum, thus allowing an unbiased interpretation to be made.

The following words and phrases, however, deserve a short explanation:

To study - As found in the context of these messages has the connotation of a practical matter.

(Charlie Validity overflight) - The action described, i. e. to fly over or be above, is Alfa Validity, but because the exact Vietnamese term is unknown it is required that we give the English rendering a Charlie Validity.

Operations - This could be rendered literally combat, however, as it is observed in relation to command it has been extended to operations and qualified here.

To struggle/fight - This can mean in other context to make an all out effort. Here it is believed to carry the military connotation.

ANNEX 1

2/G9/VHM/R28-64

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS INVOLVING THIS AIR DEFENSE ACTIVITY

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15. 2/G9/VHM/R22-64
16. 2/G9/VHM/R23-64
17. 2/G9/VHM/R24-64
18. 2/G9/VHM/R25-64
19. 3/G9/[redacted]R35-64 ITEM FIVE
20. 3/G9/[redacted]R37-64 ITEM TWO

ANNEX 2

~~SECRET KIMBO~~

2/69/VNM/R28-64

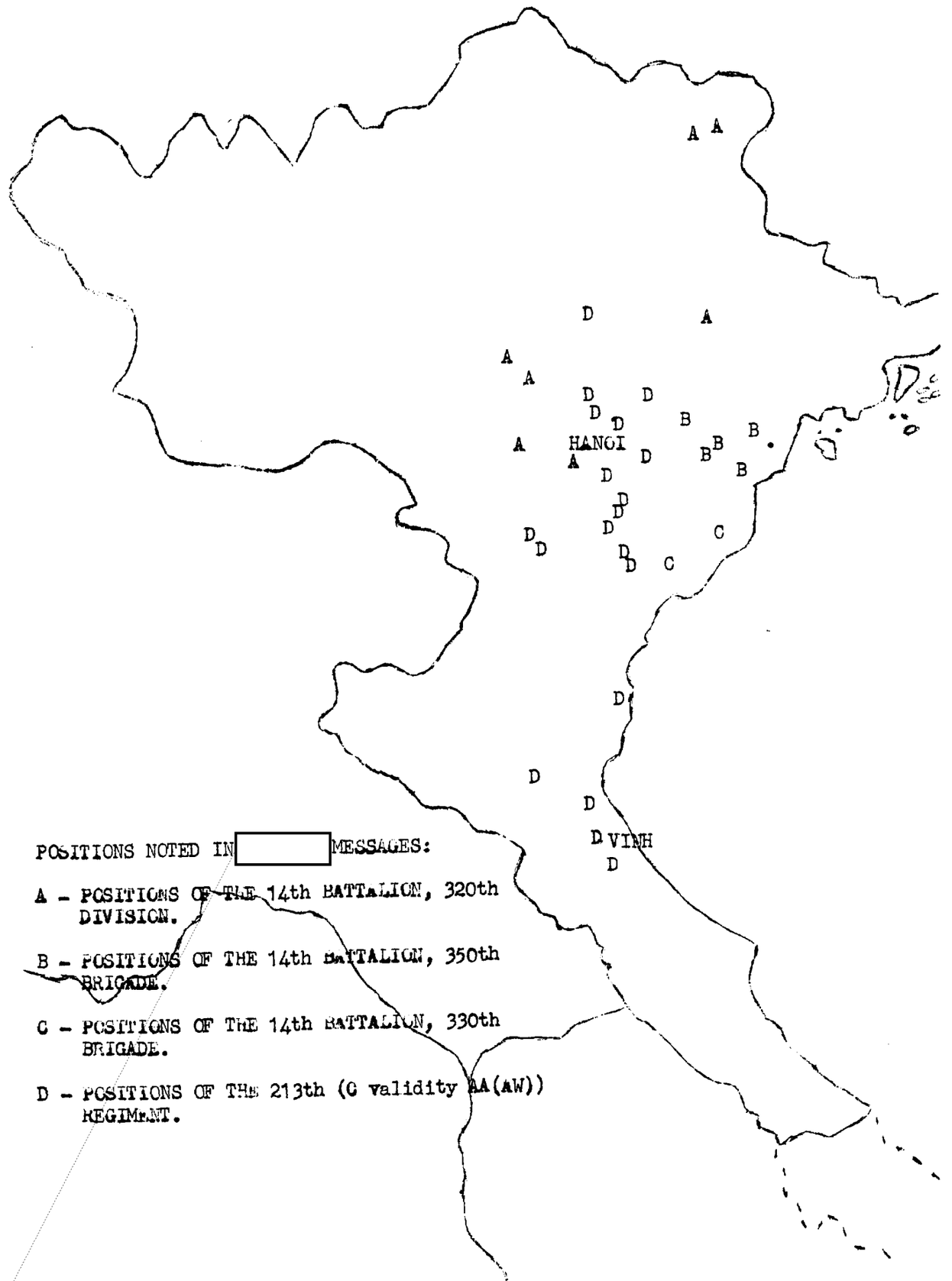
PLACE NAMES

BA DA		HA NAM PROVINCE
BAT LAT		
BAT MOT		20-21N 105-40E
		20-10N 105-23E
BEM NGOC		20-48N 105-17E
CAM THUY DISTRICT		THANH HOA PROVINCE
CAN LOC DISTRICT		HA TINH PROVINCE
CAT BI		20-48N 106-44E
CO CAM		22-31N 106-22E
		22-42N 106-33E
DOAN BINH		20-20N 105-48E
DOC CUN		
GIA VIEN	APPROX.	20-27N 105-50E
HA DONG		20-58N 105-46E
HA TINH		18-16N 105-51E
HAI DONG		20-56N 106-19E
HANOI		21-05N 105-50E
HOA BINH		20-48N 105-17E
		20-53N 105-58E
HOA LAC		21-31N 106-27E
		21-10N 105-23E
		20-05N 106-03E
HON ME		19-21N 105-51E
KIEN AN		20-38N 106-37E
KIEN XUONG DISTRICT		THAI BINH PROVINCE
KIM BANG		21-32N 105-42E
KIM BOI		20-37N 105-46E
		20-37N 105-29E
LAC THUY		20-21N 105-29E
LOC TRUNG		20-15N 106-32E
LU((1GR M)) NGAN		
MINH PHUONG		
NGHIA HUNG DISTRICT		NAM DINH PROVINCE
NGO DONG		20-20N 105-48E
NINH BINH		20-10N 105-57E
NINH GIANG		20-44N 106-24E
PHAN THO		
PHU THO		21-21N 105-12E
PHUONG LUONG		21-07N 105-41E
QUY CAO STATE FARM		20-45N 106-28E
QUYNH LAN		
SON LA		21-10N 103-53E
THAI BINH RIVER		20-38N 106-37E
THANH HOA		18-49N 105-11E
THO CAU		20-43N 106-03E
TE MY		20-21N 105-49E
TIEN DONG		20-05N 106-15E
TIEN HA DISTRICT		THAI BINH PROVINCE
VAN LY		21-04N 106-09E
VEN BIEN		
VINH		18-38N 105-40E
XUAN MAI		20-45N 105-35E
YEN MO		20-05N 105-57E
Y((1GR U)) GIANG		

~~SECRET KIMBO~~

ANNEX 3

MAP OF DRV/LAOS



POSITIONS NOTED IN [redacted] MESSAGES:

A - POSITIONS OF THE 14th BATTALION, 320th DIVISION.

B - POSITIONS OF THE 14th BATTALION, 350th BRIGADE.

C - POSITIONS OF THE 14th BATTALION, 330th BRIGADE.

D - POSITIONS OF THE 213th (G validity AA(AW)) REGIMENT.

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