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B. GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS 1. NORTH VIETNAM ON 9 MAY BT 11 QUERIED THE K121 STORAGE FACILITY CONCERNING A PRISONER OF WAR CAMP. BT 11 STATED THAT A REPORT CONCERNING THE CAMP HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED AND AS A RESULT BT 11 MADE AN ADDITIONAL REQUEST FOR THE INFORMATION. A LATER MESSAGE FROM K121 INFORMED BT 11 THAT IT WAS NOT ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH MR 959 AND THUS COULD NOT PREPARE THE REPORT. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 2. LAOS THE NORTHWARD DEPLOYMENT OF SEVERAL ELEMENTS OF THE 42D AAA BATTALION TO THE TA LE AREA OF BT 14 WAS REVEALED ON 8 MAY. THE 57-MM COMPANY AND ONE 3-MM COMPANY WERE TO MOVE TO POSITIONS NORTH OF TA LE. THE 42D AAA BATTALION WAS PREVIOUSLY NOTED WORKING IN BT 15'S AREA. A SHORTAGE OF EMPTY BARRELS AT BT 34 TO TRANSPORT GASOLINE DOWN TO GROUPS 471 AND 470 WAS REVEALED ON 8 MAY. TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM, EMPTY BARRELS FROM BT 47 WERE TO BE SHIPPED UP TO BT 34. POSSIBLY BT 34 REVEALED THAT BETWEEN 5 AND 7 MAY IT HAD SENT DOWN 23 VEHICLES OF \$SPIRITS\$ TO BT 47 FOR BT 37 AND BEGINNING ON 8 MAY, 12 TO 15 VEHICLES OF \$SPIRITS\$ WOULD BE SENT DOWN EACH DAY. THE NVA 4TH ENGINEER REGIMENT, WHICH NORMALLY OPERATES IN THE BT 37 AREA OF OPERATIONS IN ATTOPEU PROVINCE, LAOS, IS TO MOVE TO THE B3 FRONT AREA OF OPERATIONS NEAR TAN CANH (ZB 0422, 14-40N 107-50E). NEITHER THE DATE OF THE MOVE NOR THE DURATION OF THE REGIMENT'S STAY IN THE B3 FRONT AREA WAS DISCLOSED. (2/00/VCJ/R199-72, 102314Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ C. MATERIAL MOVEMENT LAOS THE RECEIPT OF 82 TONS OF CARGO FROM BT 26 WAS REPORTED BY T-5 OF BT 14 ON 7 MAY. THE CARGO WHICH WAS TRANSPORTED IN 19 VEHICLES, INCLUDED 50 TONS OF RICE. IN ADDITION T-5 REPORTED THAT IT HAD RECEIVED SEVEN VEHICLES FROM THE B2 STORAGE AREA. ON 9 MAY, T-9 BT 14 REPORTED THAT IT HAD OVER 50,000 KG OF CARGO IN STORAGE. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ VI. NORTH VIETNAM U.S. PILOT CAPTURED ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM A TOKEN SOURCE WHICH CANNOT BE CONFIRMED OR REFUTED BY AVAILABLE SIGINT SOURCES, ON 23 APRIL AN \$INFORMATION DEPARTMENT\$ OF QUANG BINH PROVINCE REVEALED THAT ON 20 APRIL A AAA UNIT OF THE 3D ROCKET SQUADRON AT 109 (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) SHOT DOWN ONE F4. THE PILOT, MAJOR EDWARD KNIGHT (PROBABLY MAJOR EDWARD KNIGHT ELIAS) WAS WOUNDED AND ARRESTED BY MILITIA MEN AND SENT TO A GUARD HOUSE. (T-1 TJ-37613, 27 APRIL) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ VII.

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