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2. SOUTHERN LAOS IN VAPIKHAMTHONG PROVINCE, AN UNIDENTIFIED ASSOCIATE (E3759)
OF THE 97H REGIMENT, NVA FRONT Y, REPORTED ON 7 JULY THAT AN UNSPECTFED. ELEMENT AT BAN KHAMHAY (MC9215, 15-31) 185-51E) MAS TO ORGANIZE A DETACHMENT TO SEARCH FOR AND ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS HITH THE 39TH REGIMENT, NVA FRONT Y. ALSO ON 7 JULY, AN UNIDENTIFIED ASSOCIATE (E3768) OF THE 9TH REGIMENT IN SEDONE PROVINCE REPORTED THAT MINES WERE BEING PLACED BETWEEN HIGHPOINT 316 (UNLOCATED) AND AN UNSPECIFIED THAI POSITION. REPORTING ON THE LOCATIONS OF THAI BATTALIONS BY THE 9TH REGIMENT CONTINUES. ON 7 JULY, THE HQ, 9TH REGIMENT REPORTED THAT THE 621ST BATTALION AND ONE 186.7-MM MORTAR COMPANY IS LOCATED AT XB887747 (15-88 N 185-55E). THE 613TH BATTALION IS LOCATED AT MB993742 (15-88 N 185-55E), AND THE 635TH BATTALION IS POSSIBLY LOCATED AT MB9938725 (15-87 N 185-55E). ON 9 JULY, ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT (NO RD) OF THE 9TH REGIMENT REQUESTED THE PLAN FOR ATTACKING THE \$ENEMY\$ AT XB 883747 (15-88 N 185-55E). NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS REVEALED. IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, HQ, FRONT RINFORMED ITS 28TH ENGINEER COMPANY ON 7 JULY THAT THE \$ENEMY\$ IS PLANNING A NEW ATTACK PHASE IN AN EFFORT TO REOCCUPY MUONG PHALANE, POSSIBLY USING HELICOPTERS TO DROP TROOPS. THE COMPANY ON 7 JULY THAT THE \$ENEMY\$ IS PLANNING A NEW ATTACK PHASE IN AN EFFORT TO REOCCUPY MUONG PHALANE, POSSIBLY USING HELICOPTERS TO DROP TROOPS. THE COMPANY MAS INSTRUCTED TO SEARCH THE AREA AND TO ORGANIZE ITS HEAVY MEAPONS TO FIRE ON THE HELICOPTERS. \*\*ESECRIT\*\* SPOKE\*\*\*\*) IV. GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES NVA ELEMENTS IN THE GROUP 471 AREA CONTINUE TO REPORT ON THE MOVEMENT OF ALLIED PRISONERS. THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN A6 AIRCRAFT AND THE CAPTURE OF ITS PILOT, A 1ST LIEUTENANT, HAS BEEN NOTED. A FURTHER REFERENCE TO GROUP 278, PREVIOUSLY NOTED IN THE GROUP 471 AREA EARLIER THIS YEAR, WAS NOTED ON 5 JULY STYLED BUREAU OF HQ, MR 559 AND THE POSSIBLE AIR DEFENSE BUREAU, MR 559. IT MAS FURNES, GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS LAOS THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN A6 AIRCRAFT ON 7 JULY BY THE 35TH AA

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DIVISION, WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED AT DAK TO AND TAN CANH. A FURTHER REFERENCE TO GROUP 278, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO BE LOCATED IN THE GROUP 471 AREA IN MARCH, WAS CONTAINED IN A 6 JULY REPORT FROM GROUP 478 TO HQ, MR 559. GROUP 478 REPORTED RECEIVING 12 VEHICLES BELONGING TO GROUP 278. TEN OF THESE WERE SENT OUT AND TWO REMAINED BECAUSE THEY WERE INOPERABLE. THE FUNCTION OF GROUP 278 HAS NEVER BEEN DETERMINED. (24 VCJ/T2865-72, 881445Z; 24 VCJ/T574-72, 888787Z; 2/00/VCJ/T36-72, 872243Z; R116-72, 15 2838Z MARCH; R133-72, 292848Z MARCH) XXHH 988 \$8964 NNNN

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