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AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

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MILK . .1 TONS FOR \$MILITARY OPERATIONS\$, NON-GLUTINOUS RICE 17 TONS SALT .1 TONS SALTED FISH .1 TON GREASE .2 TON BEANS 1 TON DRIED FISH .2 TON DRIED BEEF .2 TON A REQUEST FOR WEAPONS AND THE DISPOSITION OF A CONVOY OF VEHICLES WERE THE SUBJECTS OF A 23 OCTOBER REPORT FROM BT 34 TO GROUP 472. BT 34 INFORMED THE GROUP THAT BT 39 AND BT 33 HAD 11 AND 9 TONS OF K56 AMMUNITION, RESPECTIVELY AND REQUESTED THAT K56 WEAPONS BE THE FIRST TYPE TO BE SENT INTO THESE BINH TRAMS. BT # " ALSO STATED THAT ITS VEHICLE CONVOY WAS AT KM 102 (POSSIBLY ON ROUTE 22) AND THAT TWO MORE VEHICLES WERE GOING DOWN ROUTE 24A. BT 34 HAS TO KEEP GROUP 472 INFORMED AS TO CHANGES IN THE SITUATION. THESE MAY BE THE SAME VEHICLES AS THOSE REFERRED TO IN A 23 OCTOBER REPORT FROM GROUP 472.

(2/ [] VVCJ/T3578-72, 231805Z; 3/00 [] R264-72, 242000Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ C. GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS LAOS RUMORS OF \$AN IMMINENT CEASE-FIRE\$ ARE HAVING AN UN-DESIRED EFFECT ON SOME ELEMENTS OF MR 559. ON 25 OCTOBER, THE POSSIBLE HQ, 968TH ENGINEER BATTALION OF THE 592D ENGINEER REGIMENT REPORTED THAT \$NEWS OF THE AMERICAN BOMBING CESSATION IN NORTH VIETNAM\$ AND \$THE POSSIBILITY OF AN IMMINENT CEASE-FIRE\$ HAVE CAUSED A NUMBER OF SOLDIERS IN COMPANIES 5, 6 AND 8 TO DEVELOP THE ATTITUDE OF \$WAITING FOR PEACE.\$ IN ADDITION, THE REPORT FURTHER STATED THAT THE COMMAND SECTION HAD TAKEN SEVERAL STEPS TO REVERSE THE APATHETIC ATTITUDE OF THE TROOPS AND REINSTALL A SENSE OF DUTY. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ V. NORTH VIETNAM A. GROUND FORCES MILITARY REGION 4 IN MILITARY REGION 4, NVA ELEMENTS WERE AGAIN WARNED TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS IN ORDER TO AVOID LOSSES, AND TO PROVIDE ACTIVE COMBAT SUPPORT IN MAINTAINING OPEN LINES OF COMMUNICATION. ONE ELEMENT REPORTED ALLIED HIGH-ALTITUDE RECONNAISSANCE AND B-52 STRIKES DURING THE DAY AND NIGHT OF 23 OCTOBER. A PROBABLE MILITARY REGION 4 ASSOCIATE STRESSED CONTINUED BATTLE READINESS ON 24 OCTOBER WHILE CAUTIONING THAT \$DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE MILITARY OPERATION ARE EXTREMELY COMPLICATED.\$ REPORTS EXCHANGED ON 19 AND 22 OCTOBER BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED NVA ELEMENTS IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE DISCLOSED THE SHOOTDOWN OF ONE ALLIED AIRCRAFT 3 KM OFF THE COAST OF GIA NINH (UNLOCATED) AND ANOTHER IN THE VICINITY OF LACH MAI (UNLOCATED). NO DETAILS CONCERNING THE TYPES OF AIRCRAFT OR DISPOSITION OF THE PILOTS WERE GIVEN. ANOTHER 22 OCTOBER REPORT REVEALED THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED UNIT OPERATING AT VINH LINH (YD 1586, 17-03N 107-01E) HAD FIRED ON AND STRUCK AN ALLIED DESTROYER, NUMBER 790. NO SPECIFIC DAMAGE WAS STATED. (2/00/VCM/T137-72, 250150Z; 2/ [] VVCJ/T3589-72, 241405Z; 2/ [] VVCJ/T3501-72, 190304Z; 2/ [] VVCJ/T3554-72, 220119Z; 2/ [] VVCJ/T3562-72, 222339Z; 2/ [] VVCJ/T3564-72, 220120Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ XXHH 900 #8969 NHHH

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