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SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

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V. NORTH VIETNAM A. GROUND FORCES 1. MILITARY REGION 3, RIGHT BANK ON 30 OCTOBER AN ASSOCIATE OF THE THANH HOA PROVINCIAL UNIT, MILITARY REGION 3, RIGHT BANK REPORTED THAT AT 2345(G) ON THE 27TH, AN A7 AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN IN THE TAN TRUONG (UNLOCATED) REGION. NO ADDITIONAL DETAILS WERE GIVEN. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 2. MILITARY REGION 4 UNIDENTIFIED NVA AIR DEFENSE UNITS OPERATING IN MILITARY REGION 4 REPORTED THE SHOOT DOWN OF THREE ALLIED AIRCRAFT, AND THE CAPTURE OF AT LEAST TWO PILOTS. ON 27 OCTOBER AN F-4 SHOT DOWN 10 KM EAST OF PHONG THUY (UNLOCATED). NO DETAILS CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE PILOTS WERE GIVEN. ON 29 OCTOBER AT 0947(G) AN A7 WAS SHOT DOWN IN THE VICINITY OF NUI KIEN (WG 7310, 19-05N 105-42E). THE PILOT BAILED OUT AT SEA AND WAS CAPTURED. ALSO ON THE 29TH, AT 0145(G) AN F-8 WAS SHOT DOWN IN AN UNDISCLOSED AREA OF NGHE AN PROVINCE. THE PILOT BAILED OUT AT SEA AND WAS ALSO CAPTURED. ADDITIONALLY, ON 27 OCTOBER ONE ALLIED AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTEDLY DROPPING PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS THROUGH HIA TINH AND NGHE AN PROVINCES. ON 20 OCTOBER A REPORT ADDRESSED TO THE 183D BATTALION (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED), STATED THAT THE BATTALION'S MISSION WAS TO INSURE THE TRANSPORTATION OF 200 TONS OF CANNED MEAT. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATIONS TO MOVE THE SUPPLIES WERE GIVEN, AND EACH COMPANY WAS REQUIRED TO REPORT THE NUMBER OF OPERABLE VEHICLES AND ITS STATE OF READINESS. AN UNIDENTIFIED NVA ELEMENT REPORTED ON 29 OCTOBER THAT SEVERAL TYPES OF VEHICLES WERE UNABLE TO CROSS AN UNSPECIFIED FORD BECAUSE OF THE HIGH WATER LEVEL. THE ELEMENT ALSO SPECULATED THAT ALLIED ACTIVITY WOULD BE INTENSIFIED IN AN UNSPECIFIED AREA. ANOTHER NVA ELEMENT REPORTED ON 20 OCTOBER THAT THE ENEMY'S HAD INTENSIFIED BOMBING ACTIVITY IN AN UNSPECIFIED AREA, BUT THAT MEASURES WERE BEING TAKEN TO PROTECT ALL MATERIALS AND VEHICLES. AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT PROBABLY OPERATING IN MR 4 WAS INSTRUCTED ON 28 OCTOBER TO ORGANIZE IMMEDIATELY TO DISCUSS THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH CONCERNED THE AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO REESTABLISH PEACE IN VIETNAM. THE UNIT WAS ALSO INSTRUCTED TO MAINTAIN ITS WATCHFULNESS AND COMBAT READINESS AND NOT TO HARBOR FALSE ILLUSIONS OF PEACE. ALSO IN MR 4, ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT REPORTED THAT A COMPANY 7 HAS BEGUN AN EMULATION PHASE IN SHOOTING DOWN AIRCRAFT TO COMMEMORATE AND RESPOND TO THE STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT. \$ (24) VVCJ/T3663-72, 292000Z; T3664-72, 292230Z; T3660-72, 291940Z; T3662-72, 271730Z; 2/00/VCM/T166-72, 292020Z; T175-72, IN PREPARATION) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ B. AIR/AIR DEFENSE FORCES NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE AN-2'S CONDUCT PRACTICE BOMBING AND ROCKET ATTACKS AT HOA LAC RANGE FIVE TACTICALLY-EQUIPPED AN-2'S PARTICIPATED IN PRACTICE BOMBING AND ROCKET ATTACKS OVER THE HOA LAC BOMB RANGE

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NO POW/MIA FROM F-4 ON 27 OCT

27/28 OCT

A7C

LTCMOR. JAMES W. HALL

PRESUMED KIA

29 OCT

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LTCMOR. JAMES E. SULLIVAN

REMAINS RETURNED 850814

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ON 27 OCTOBER. ALL AIRCRAFT DEPARTED FROM AND RETURNED TO HANOI GIA AIRFIELD. A SIXTH AN-2 WAS ACTIVE DURING ONE OF THE EXERCISES BUT DID NOT EXPEND ANY ORDNANCE. BOMBING RESULTS RANGED FROM 10 TO 125 METERS DEVIANCE FROM THE TARGET AND ROCKET RESULTS FROM 20 TO 55 METERS. NVAF AN-2S WERE LAST NOTED IN PRACTICE BOMBING EXERCISES ON 27 JULY IN THE GIA LAM AREA, WHEN TWO AIRCRAFT WERE INVOLVED. (2) VCA/R659-72, 271535Z AND FOLLOW-UPS) ~~(SECRET SPOKE) C.~~

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