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WM LAOS THE REAPPEARANCE OF THE 7TH ENGINEER REGIMENT IN THE BT 37 AREA WAS NOTED IN A 5 NOVEMBER MESSAGE FROM BT 37 TO GROUP 47. THIS REGIMENT WAS LAST SEEN IN THE BT 37 AREA IN DECEMBER 1971. D. WEEKLY WRAP-UP OF PERSONNEL MOVEMENTS THE FOLLOWING MOVEMENTS WERE REPORTED IN NORTH VIETNAM AND LAOS DURING THE PAST WEEK (31 OCT - 6 NOV). 1. NORTH VIETNAM A MINIMUM OF 558 PERSONNEL WERE NOTED MOVING NORTHWARD IN THE BT 18 AREA INCLUDING 296 TRANSIENTS, 250 WOUNDED AND 12 PERSONNEL OF A GROUP (Y565). ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NO SIZED GROUPS OBSERVED THERE WERE SEVEN COSVN BOUND INFILTRATION GROUPS (2#71-2#77) OBSERVED DURING THE WEEK. THIS WOULD PROVIDE FOR AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF AT LEAST 3,500 PERSONNEL. ONE WESTWARD MOVING GROUP (9#26) WAS ALSO OBSERVED WITH 550 PERSONNEL AT T-7. 2. LAOS NO NORTHWARD OR SOUTHWARD MOVING PERSONNEL WERE DETECTED IN LAOS DURING THE PAST WEEK. A SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY FOR THE PAST WEEK FOLLOWS, INITIALLY OBSERVED GROUP NR. OF PERSONNEL DISPOSITION ((BT 18 A0)) 2#71 - AT T-11A 2#72 - AT T-11A 2#73 - AT T-11A 2#74 - AT T-11A 2#75 - AT T-11A 2#76 - AT T-11A 2#77 - AT T-11A 7#00 - AT T-7 9#26 550 AT T-7 (WESTWARD MOVING) RPREVIOUSLY OBSERVED ((BT18 A0)) EPRO TQY AT T-9B 7151 - AT K184B STORAGE FACILITY (SECRET SPOKE) V. NORTH VIETNAM A. GROUND FORCES 1. MILITARY REGION 3 A 6 NOVEMBER DISCUSSION BETWEEN TWO UNIDENTIFIED NVA ENTITIES DISCLOSED THAT AN ALLIED AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN IN THE QUYNH TUNG (POSSIBLY QUYNH THUONG, W0 7766, 19-35N 105-44E) AREA. NEITHER THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT NOR STATUS OF THE PILOT WERE REVEALED. HOWEVER, AIRCRAFT REPORTEDLY CONTINUED TO BOMB AND CIRCLE THE AREA FOR SOME TIME. (2/ [] VCJ/T3775-72, #62#5#Z) (SECRET SPOKE) 2. MILITARY REGION 4 ON 6 NOVEMBER, AN UNIDENTIFIED NVA UNIT OPERATING IN MR 4 REPORTED THAT \$NO SHIPS WERE SEEN TODAY, BUT THERE WAS MUCH AIR ACTIVITY. \$ THE UNIT ALSO STATED THAT \$TWO F4 AIRCRAFT BOMBED NORTH OF THE CHANH HOA BRIDGE\$ (VICINITY OF XE 6339, 17-23N 106-32E). (2/00/VCM/T265-72, #71222Z) (SECRET SPOKE) B. AIR/AIR DEFENSE FORCES SOVIET SPECIALISTS VISIT NORTH VIETNAMESE RADAR COMPANY ON 30 OCTOBER, IT WAS REVEALED - THAT THREE SOVIET SPECIALISTS WOULD VISIT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE 29TH COMPANY, 293D RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT FROM 31 OCTOBER TO 3 NOVEMBER, TO REPAIR THEIR FLAT FACE RADAR. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN A HISTORY OF SOVIET ADVISORS AND TECHNICIANS IN NORTH VIETNAM, THIS IS THE FIRST NOTED ASSOCIATION OF THESE TECHNICIANS WITH RADAR EQUIPMENT OR A RADAR COMPANY. THE 29TH COMPANY, LOCATED IN THE THAI NGUYEN AREA (21-35N 105-55E) HAS AS ITS PRIMARY MISSION PROBABLY THE MAINTENANCE OF SURVEILLANCE TRACKING OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS BETWEEN NORTH VIETNAM AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. (2/00/VCK/R1189-72, #71333Z)

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~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ C. NAVAL FORCES LACK OF NORTH VIETNAMESE NAVAL TRACKING ACTIVITY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE NAVAL COASTAL SURVEILLANCE NETWORK, WHICH REPORTS TRACKING INFORMATION ON VESSELS OPERATING IN THE GULF OF TONKIN, CEASED REPORTING THIS INFORMATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 HOURS ON 6 AND 7 NOVEMBER. BEGINNING AT 1600Z ON 6 NOVEMBER, THE COASTAL SURVEILLANCE NETWORK CEASED REPORTING THE LOCATIONS OF ANY FRIENDLY OR HOSTILE VESSELS. ALTHOUGH THE STATIONS MAINTAINED THEIR REGULAR HALF- HOURLY COMMUNICATIONS SCHEDULES NO TRACKS WERE REPORTED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 1200Z ON 7 NOVEMBER. AT THAT TIME, THREE FRIENDLY VESSELS WERE REPORTED OPERATING IN THE GULF OF TONKIN. XXHH 900 #3969 NNNN

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