

(b)(3)-P.L. 86-36

~~TOP SECRET UMBRA~~

1945

CATEGORY = 2

M = 165

MESSAGE = #205741#

ZCZC#4 8558EXC316 LOG LN NO. #69

PP [] DE []
#3966 31822#

ZNY MMNSH

ZKZK PP ZLZ DE

P ~~SECRET~~ NOV 72

FM DIRNSA

TO NSA/TANGO ALFA

ZEM

~~TOP SECRET UMBRA SECTION SIX~~XXMM
ENP#6-0072318 ~~ISHTAR~~ (IN PARAS MARKED) ~~SECRET~~ [] #R01-72 NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY
XXCC

ALSO ON 12 NOVEMBER AN NVA FORCE ATTACKED THE RLA CV 323 POSITION 16 KM NORTHEAST OF THAKHEK AND FORCED THE OUTNUMBERED RLA UNIT TO WITHDRAW 4 KM TO THE SOUTHWEST. THE NVA UNIT THEN SPLIT WITH ONE ELEMENT PURSUING THE RLA COMPANY AND THE OTHER ELEMENT MOVING SOUTH TOWARD ROUTE 12. RLA CV 321, DEPLOYED ALONG ROUTE 12, 23 KM EAST OF THAKHEK, WAS ALSO ATTACKED ON THE 12TH. TWO COMPANIES OF PL/NVA, SUPPORTED BY MORTAR AND B-40 ROCKET FIRE, ATTACKED THE CV 321 POSITION AND FORCED THE RLA COMPANY TO WITHDRAW 7 KM WEST ALONG ROUTE 12 TOWARD THAKHEK. FACED WITH THE WORSENING SITUATION IN THAKHEK AND THE ATTACKS EXPECTED IN THE VICINITY OF THE SE BANG HIENG RIVER BRIDGE (WC 4179, 16-06N 105-23E), RLA HQ MILITARY REGION 3 IN SAVANNAKHET INFORMED RLA OHQ IN VIENTIANE THAT THE SITUATION WAS VERY CRITICAL, AND ASKED THAT THREE MORE T-28 AIRCRAFT BE ASSIGNED TO MILITARY REGION 3 IN ORDER TO COUNTER THE CURRENT ENEMY THREAT. RLA MOBILE GROUPS 41 AND 42 CLASHED FIVE TIMES WITH NVA ELEMENTS SOUTHWEST OF SARAVANE ON 10 AND 11 NOVEMBER. ALL OF THE CLASHES WERE MINOR EXCEPT FOR AN EARLY MORNING ATTACK BY TWO NVA COMPANIES ON THE RLA MOBILE GROUP 42 COMMAND POST 7 KM SOUTHWEST OF SARAVANE. RLA CASUALTIES WERE ONE MAN KILLED AND NINE WOUNDED WHILE THE NVA WITHDREW WITH FIVE KILLED AND SEVERAL WOUNDED. ~~TOP SECRET UMBRA~~ ALSO IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE AN UNIDENTIFIED ASSOCIATE OF THE 20TH ENGINEER COMPANY, NVA 29TH REGIMENT, INFORMED THE REGIMENT ON 12 NOVEMBER THAT AS A RESULT OF TWO UNSPECIFIED BATTLES, EIGHT ENEMY WERE KILLED, THREE ENEMY CAPTURED, FIVE WEAPONS DESTROYED AND THREE WEAPONS CONFISCATED. THE SAME ASSOCIATE ALSO REPORTED THAT IT IS ON THE MOVE AND PRESENTLY LOCATED AT NONG VEN (UNLOCATED). ~~ISHTAR~~ IN ANOTHER 12 NOVEMBER REPORT THE REGIMENT INSTRUCTED TWO SQUADS OF ITS 20TH ENGINEER COMPANY TO BE AT REGIMENT'S POSITION ON THE 13TH TO RECEIVE THE MISSION TO HOLD DONG HENE. ~~ISHTAR~~ (2/G1/VCM/T9982-72 130646Z; 2/G1/LSM/R126-72, 121627Z; R127-72, 131157Z; R128-72, 131323Z; 2X/LSM/T1531-72, 130328Z; 2/LSM/T1535-72, 130732Z; 3/LSM/T1530-72, 130300Z; T1532-72, 130630Z; T1534-72, 130730Z) ~~TOP SECRET UMBRA ISHTAR~~ IV. GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES ACTIVITY GDRS SUMMARY RECENT REPORTS FROM SOUTHERN NORTH VIETNAM HAVE CONTAINED REFERENCES TO ALLIED AIRSTRIKES IN THE BINH TRAM (BT) 18 AND BT 26 AREAS. TO THE SOUTH, LARGE NUMBERS OF WOUNDED PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN NOTED AND TRANSPORTATION OF AMMUNITION CONTINUES IN THE BT 12 AREA. THE NOVEMBER TOTALS REMAIN AT 14 INFILTRATION, ONE WESTWARD-MOVING AND 11 SPECIAL-PURPOSE GROUPS. FOR LOCATIONS OF GDRS FACILITIES, SEE 2/00/VCI/R47-72. ~~SECRET SPOKE~~ A. PERSONNEL MOVEMENTS 1. LAOS A REFERENCE TO AN INFILTRATION GROUP 3079 WITH 4 PERSONNEL WAS CONTAINED IN A

~~TOP SECRET UMBRA~~

(b) (1)
 (b) (3) -50 USC 403
 (b) (3) -18 USC 798
 (b) (3) -P.L. 86-36

Approved for release by NSA on 07-14-2014, Transparency Case# 65886

1401

~~TOP SECRET UMBRA~~

RECENTLY AVAILABLE 20 OCTOBER REPORT BETWEEN BT 37 AND GROUP 470. OTHER PERSONNEL RELATED INFORMATION IN THE REPORT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING, SOUTHBOUND TROOPS REMAINING AT BT 37 - 157 PERSONNEL SENT TO B3 FRONT - NONE RECEIVED FROM B3 FRONT - 4 PERSONNEL RECEIVED FROM HOSPITAL 47 - 25 WOUNDED SENT TO BT 47 - 44 PERSONNEL STRETCHER CASES - 4 WOUNDED - 25 REQUIRING MEDICAL ATTENTION - 32 NORTHBOUND PERSONNEL REMAINING - 32 XXHH 900 #3966 NNNN

~~TOP SECRET UMBRA~~