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24 - 5041 - 5043 KM 71 (UNLOCATED, ON RTE 99) 5044 100 EN ROUTE TO BT 34 5046 KM 69 (UNLOCATED ON RTE 99) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ V. NORTH VIETNAM A. GROUND FORCES MILITARY REGION 4 THE SHOOT DOWN OF AN ALLIED AIRCRAFT AND THE STATUS OF THE PILOTS WERE DISCLOSED IN A RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED NVN ELEMENTS OPERATING IN MILITARY REGION 4. ACCORDING TO THE SPEAKER, ON 10 DECEMBER AN UNDISCLOSED-TYPE AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN IN NGHE AN PROVINCE RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF ONE PILOT, A MAJOR, AND THE CAPTURE OF ANOTHER, A 1ST LIEUTENANT. THE MAJOR EVIDENTLY DIED IN THE CRASH BECAUSE IT WAS STATED THAT THE LIEUTENANT HAD PARACHUTED. THE SPEAKER FURTHER REPORTED THAT TWO HELICOPTERS, PROBABLY ON RESCUE MISSIONS, HAD BEEN CRIPPLED AND THAT ONE CREW MEMBER HAD POSSIBLY BEEN CAPTURED. THE PROBABLE AREA FOR THIS ACTIVITY WAS NEAR QUYNH LUU (WG 7029, 19-15N 105-40E). THIS ACTIVITY MAY BE RELATED TO THE PREVIOUSLY NOTED 10 DECEMBER ALLIED AIRSTRIKES IN THE VICINITY OF QUYNH LUU, DIEN CHAU (WG 6599, 18-59N 105-37E) AND HOANG MAI (WG 7427, 19-41N 105-42E). (21 [ ] VCM/T640; 120155Z; 3/00 [ ] R305-72) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ B. [ ]

(3/00 [ ] R303-72) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ C. CIVIL COMMUNICATIONS LETTER BOX NUMBERS (LBNS) ALLOCATED TO A BLOCK ASSOCIATED WITH MILITARY REGION (MR 4) AND REPRESENTING A PROBABLE UNIDENTIFIED REGIMENTAL-SIZED UNIT HAVE APPEARED ON THE DRV CIVIL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 9 OCTOBER. SINCE THAT DATE, LBNS IN THE 27144X THROUGH 27146X BLOCK HAVE BEEN NOTED APPEARING IN CIVIL COMMUNICATIONS WITH SOME OF THE CORRESPONDENCE BEARING THESE LBNS NOTED EMANATING FROM BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. (3/00 [ ] R266-72) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ D. OTHER DEVELOPMENTS 1. FRIENDLY VESSEL ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN GULF OF TONKIN ON 8 AND 10 DECEMBER, NORTH VIETNAMESE NAVAL HEADQUARTERS, HAIPHONG ISSUED REPORTS ON THE MOVEMENTS OF AT LEAST TWO FRIENDLY SUPPLY VESSELS OPERATING IN THE NORTHERN GULF OF TONKIN. THE VESSELS WERE REPORTED OPERATING IN THE GENERAL AREA OF 20-35N 107-10E,

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- APPROXIMATELY 10 TO 15 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF CAC BA ISLAND (YH 1390,  
20-43N 107-02E). THE IDENTITY AND DESTINATION OF THESE FRIENDLY SUPPLY VESSELS  
AND THE EXACT NUMBER OF VESSELS INVOLVED IS CURRENTLY UNKNOWN.  
(2/KO/VCH/R235-72, 101355Z; R233-72; 081337Z; R232-72, 081317Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~  
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