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~~SECRET SPOKE~~ SECTION ONE OF TWO ~~ISHTAR~~ (IN PARAGRAPHS SO MARKED)
F471-224-73 CURRENT SIGINT OVERVIEW (CSG) FOR 20 MAY 73 1. NORTH VIETNAM ON 16
MAY, AN UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION OF THE 275TH SAM REGIMENT, LOCATED WEST OF
HANOI, WHICH HAD BEEN EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS WITH THEIR RADAR EQUIPMENT,
REVEALED THAT THE REGI- MENTAL TECHNICAL/MISSILE SUPPORT FACILITY WAS NOW
LOCATED AT TRUNG HA (21-10N 105-36E). THIS SUPPORT FACILITY OF THE 275TH SAM
REGIMENT WAS LAST LOCATED AT 21-01N 105-45E ON 28 DEC 72. (DIRNSA 2/00/8014-73
(VCK) DTG, 191331Z MAY 73) 2. NORTH VIETNAM/SOUTH VIETNAM THE QUANG TRI
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND BROADCASTING (PTB) ADVISED THE
GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF OF PTB IN HANOI ON 18 MAY THAT QUANG TRI COMMUNICATIONS
WERE BLOCKED. THE LANDLINE AND MICROWAVE (RVG950) COMMUNICATIONS FROM VINH LINH
TO HANOI CENTRAL WERE ALMOST COMPLETELY PARA- LYSED. QUANG TRI REQUESTED AN
IMMEDIATE RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OR ELSE IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GUARANTEE
AN UNSPEC- IFIED IMPORTANT FUTURE MISSION. (DIRNSA 3/00/15054-73 DTG,
182000Z MAY 73) 3. SOUTH VIETNAM A. ON 14 MAY, THE 250TH AAA REGIMENT (LOCATED
NEAR YD 1674, 16-55N 107-57E) INFORMED ITS SUBORDINATE UNITS THAT THEY WERE NOT
FOLLOWING COMBAT DIRECTIVES ISSUED BY THE 377TH AIR DEFENSE DIVISION (LOCATED
NEAR KHE SAIH). THE FIRING PLAN FOR STRIKING DRONES AND MANNED RECONNAISSANCE
AIRCRAFT WAS REVEALED AND UNITS WERE ORDERED NOT TO FIRE UNLESS THE TARGET WAS
WITHIN THE FOLLOWING PARAMETERS (REPORTED IN METERS), DRONES MANNED TYIE WEAPON
ALT INTERNAL RANGE ALT INTERVAL RANGE UNKNOWN 2500 XXX XXXX 3500 XXX XXXX
UNKNOWN XXYX 500 4000 2500 500 5000 POSS 23MM 2000 400 3500 2000 400 3500
(DIRNSA 2/00/8007-73 (VCK) DTG, 182309Z MAY 73) B. ON 18 MAY, THE HQ., NVA
174TH REGIMENT, VC 5TH DIVI- SION WAS LOCATED IN THE CAMBODIAN/SOUTH VIETNAM
BORDER AREA AT WT 430100, WHICH CONFIRMS A TENOUS IN MAY FIX AT WT 413131. THIS
REPRESENTS A MOVE OF APPROXIMATELY 133 KM FROM THE UNIT'S LAST FIRM LOCATION AT
XS 449315 ON 06 JANUARY. (USF-794 DAILY VC SIGINT LOCATION REPORT NR 137-7 DTG,
181300Z MAY 73) ~~(ISHTAR)~~ 4. LAOS ON 18 MAY, COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN
PERSONALITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE 1ST BATTALION AND COMPANY 10/3RD BATTALION OF
THE NVA 174TH REGIMENT REVEALED THAT TWO MEMBERS OF A PRO-GOVERNMENT
RECONNAISSANCE TEAM WERE CAPTURED BY ELEMENTS OF HQ., 5TH BAT- TALION, NVA
148TH REGIMENT ON 16 MAY NEAR PHU KENG (TG 994553). IT WAS ALSO LEARNED THAT
THE AMERICAN AND SIX MEO WERE CAP- TURED ALIVE IN THE AREA OF NAM PIT (EITHER
TG 882473 OR TG 825433) AFTER THE SAIRCRAFT FELL\$. (REF CSO FOR 16 MAY, NORTH
VIETNAM ITEM) (USM-7) 1ACREP NR. 841-73 DTG, 191115Z MAY 73 AND (C)
24/490-73 (USF-794 DTG, 191435Z MAY 73) 5. CAMBODIA A. ON 19 MAY, THE HQ.,
272ND VC REGIMENT WAS LOCATED IN PREY VENG PROVINCE AT WT 588447. THIS TENDS TO
INDICATE THAT THE 15 MAY LOCATION AT WT 467490 MAY HAVE BEEN INVALID AS THE
CURRENT LOCATION PLACES THE UNIT BACK IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA OF ITS 11/12 MAY
LOCATIONS. (USF-794 2/1631-73 VCJ DTG, 191355Z MAY 73) ~~(ISHTAR)~~ 700 #2445
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