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VIII. LAOS MILITARY SITUATION 1. NORTHERN LAOS THE CAPTURE OF ONE AMERICAN AND SIX MED WAS REVEALED IN AN EXCHANGE BETWEEN TWO UNIDENTIFIED NVA SPEAKERS ON 15 MAY. THIS NVA REPORT STATED THAT THESE PRISONERS WERE BEING HELD AT AN UNDISCLOSED POSITION BY AN UNSPECIFIED COMMUNIST UNIT. INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF THESE PRISONERS HAD BEEN REQUESTED FROM HIGHER NVA AUTHORITIES. ANOTHER REFERENCE TO THESE SAME PRISONERS WAS NOTED ON 17 MAY, IN A REPORT ISSUED BY THE 5TH BATTALION, NVA 866TH INDEPENDENT REGIMENT. THIS NVA UNIT DISCLOSED THAT THE \$FRIENDS\$ HAVE SEVEN \$ENEMYS\$ ONE OF WHOM IS AN AMERICAN. A REFERENCE TO THE LOCATION OF THESE \$FRIENDS\$ WAS UNCLEAR, HOWEVER, A POSITION POSSIBLY NEAR ROUTE 6 WAS MENTIONED. THE RLA HAVE APPARENTLY INCREASED THEIR INFILTRATION AND RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITIES IN MILITARY REGION 2. ON 17 MAY, AN UNIDENTIFIED ASSOCIATE, 174TH REGIMENT, NVA 316TH DIVISION STATED THAT ACCORDING TO THE \$NEWS\$, THE RLA OCCUPIED THE CROSSROADS AT SALA PHOU KHOUN (TG 3051, 19-26N 102-26E) ON 11 AND 12 MAY. THIS REPORT ALSO MENTIONED THAT RLA \$TEM TEAM\$ ARE PRESENTLY OPERATING SOUTH OF PHOU KHENG (TG 9955, 19-29N 103-05E). IT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON 17 MAY, THAT TWO MEMBERS OF ONE OF THESE PRO-GOVERNMENT TEAMS HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY NVA UNITS. ANOTHER 17 MAY REPORT ISSUED BY THE NVA 174TH REGIMENT, REVEALED THAT \$SOMES\$ OF THE PRO-GOVERNMENT \$SPECIAL FORCES\$ OPERATING IN THE NONG HET AREA (UG 9454, 19-28N 103-57E) HAD BEEN CAPTURED. A REPORT FROM THE HQ, 1ST BATTALION, NVA 174TH REGIMENT, ALSO MENTIONED THESE RLA FORCES AND STATED THAT \$MOST\$ OF THEM HAD BEEN APPREHENDED. THE COMPLETION OF PHONG SAVAN AIRFIELD (UG 1351, 19-26N 103-13E) WAS DISCLOSED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED NVA SPEAKER ON 17 MAY. IN ADDITION TO THE AIRFIELD, AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF BUILDINGS AND BRIDGES HAVE ALSO BEEN FINISHED. AS WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON 27 APRIL, CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR WORK ON THIS AIRSTRIP HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS SINCE AT LEAST 17 APRIL. SUPPLY MOVEMENTS AND POSSIBLE UNIT SHIFTS CONTINUE TO DOMINATE NVA REPORTS EMANATING FROM THE THA VIENG (UG 3204, 19-01N 103-24E) AREA. ON 15 MAY, AN UNIDENTIFIED NVA UNIT PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE 15TH ENGINEER BATTALION, NVA 316TH DIVISION, ORDERED ITS SUBORDINATE TO HAVE THE 6TH PLATOON (NFI) PREPARE ITS EQUIPMENT AND WITHDRAW TO BAN SON (UG 0250, 19-26N 103-07E OR UG 2760, 19-31N 103-21E). THE 6TH PLATOON WAS TO TAKE ALONG ONLY ENOUGH SUPPLIES FOR THE JOURNEY AND STORE THE REMAINDER IN THE \$SHELTERED CAVES\$ (UNLOCATED). THE 1ST BATTALION, NVA 335TH INDEPENDENT REGIMENT, INFORMED ITS 3D COMPANY ON 17 MAY, THAT THE 2D COMPANY, 41ST SAPPER BATTALION, MR 959, WOULD TAKE OVER THE AREA OF THE \$FRIENDS\$ ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. IN A SERIES OF REPORTS DEALING WITH AMMUNITION AND FOOD

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SUPPLIES, THE 1ST BATTALION, NVA 335TH REGIMENT, REVEALED THE TRANSFER OF LARGE AMOUNTS OF THESE GOODS TO THE \$FRIENDS\$. ON 17 MAY, THIS BATTALION INFORMED ITS 2D COMPANY THAT THE 41ST SAPPER BATTALION WAS GOING TO PICK UP FOOD AND AMMUNITION FROM AN UNSPECIFIED DEPOT. FURTHERMORE, THE REMAINDER OF THE SUPPLIES AT THIS STORAGE AREA ARE TO BE TURNED OVER TO THE \$FRIENDS\$. ANOTHER REPORT FROM THE SAME SOURCE ON 18 MAY, REVEALED THAT THE \$FRIENDS\$ HAD ALREADY BEGUN TO RECEIVE AND MOVE THE SUPPLIES. THIS REPORT ALSO STATED THAT THE ROUTE (PROBABLE REFERENCE TO ROUTE 4) WAS IN GOOD CONDITION. (3/00/14886-73 [REDACTED] 17 MAY, 12614-73 [REDACTED] 27 APRIL; 2/G1/6810-73 (VCM) 180710Z; 2/[REDACTED]/4295-73 (VCJ) 171215Z; 2/RO/652-73 (VCJ) 151030Z; 2/[REDACTED]/607-73 (VCM) 180252Z; 603-73 (VCM) 171036Z; 601-73 (VCM) 170934Z; 584-73 (VCM) 150528Z) XXHH 900 #3971 NNNN

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