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28/29 OCTOBER AND HAS REFLECTED I SIGINT ON A RETURN FLIGHT TO HANOI ON 17 NOVEMBER.

TROOPS OF A ROYAL LAOTIAN ARMY (RLA) UNIT OPERATING IN THE NAM BAC AREA OF LAOS HAVE BECOME "MUTINOUS" AND INTEND TO KILL THEIR LEADERS, ACCORDING TO SIGINT ON 18 NOVEMBER. THIS DEVELOPMENT MAY INVOLVE THE RLA 2ND INFANTRY BATTALION (BI) WHICH REPORTEDLY IS OPERATING IN THAT AREA. SIGINT RECENTLY INDICATED THAT A EW ENGINEER ROAD CONSTRUCTION BATTALION HAS BEEN FORMED IN CAMBODIA, POSSIBLY TO BE LOCATED IN MR 4. TO THE EAST IN MR 5, AN UNIDENTIFIED HELICOPTER REPORTEDLY WAS SHOT BY PROVINCIAL GUARD FORCES. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, A THREAT OF RENEWED DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE KHMER LOEU HAS RECENTLY BEEN REVEALED IN SIGINT. THESE DEMONSTRATIONS REPORTEDLY WOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD THE CAPITAL CITY OF RATANAKIRI PROVINCE, IN MR 5. ON 14 NOVEMBER, 200 PROVINCIAL GUARDSMEN WERE REQUESTED AS REINFORCEMENTS FOR THAT AREA. A THAI POLICE INTERROGATION OF TWO CHINESE HO TROOPS HAS REVEALED THAT A COMPANY OF THAT FORCE WAS OPERATING FROM BAN NONG HA IN NORTHERN THAILAND. THE COMPANY REPORTEDLY IS EQUIPPED WITH TWO RADIOS AND LIGHT INFANTRY WEAPONS. I. COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIA A. MILITARY 1. VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST COMMUNICATIONS - SOUTH VIETNAM MILITARY REGION 5 IN THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS, ELEMENTS OF THE PAVN 1ST DIVISION, PAVN B3 FRONT, CONTINUED TO DISCUSS THE TACTICAL SITUATION IN THE DAK TO AREA OF KONTUM PROVINCE. TO THE SOUTH, ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY INFORMATION, OTHER PAVN ELEMENTS HAVE BEGUN TO DISCUSS ATTACK PREPARATIONS IN THE PLEIKU PROVINCE-CAMBODIA BORDER AREA, AND HAVE REFERRED TO THE CRASH IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE OF A HELICOPTER CARRYING "AN ENEMY MAJOR GENERAL." THREE TACTICAL MESSAGES WERE PASSED BETWEEN TWO RADIO STATIONS POSSIBLY REPRESENTING FORWARD ELEMENTS OF THE PAVN 1ST DIVISION ON 17 NOVEMBER. THE FIRST OF THESE MESSAGES INDICATED THAT A PAVN COMMANDER HAD ORGANIZED A "FEINTING MANEUVER" AND RECONNAISSANCE OF THE ROAD AT "751A". MOREOVER, FROM 9 TO 10 (B VAL HELICOPTERS) REPORTEDLY STILL SUPPLIED THE ARTILLERY POSITION WHICH "FIRES HEAVILY TO THE NORTHWEST OF NGOC R." (NGOC RIN RUA, POSSIBLY THE PLACE REFERRED TO IN THIS MESSAGE, IS LOCATED AT 14-38N 107-44E, YB 935188). THE REMAINING TWO MESSAGES INDICATED THAT THE COMMANDER HAD GIVEN THE SAPPER DETACHMENT THE MISSION OF DESTROYING CERTAIN TARGETS, BUT INFERRED THAT SOME DIFFICULTY WAS BEING EXPERIENCED, POSSIBLY BECAUSE THEY DID NOT HAVE ANY MINES. 900 NNNN

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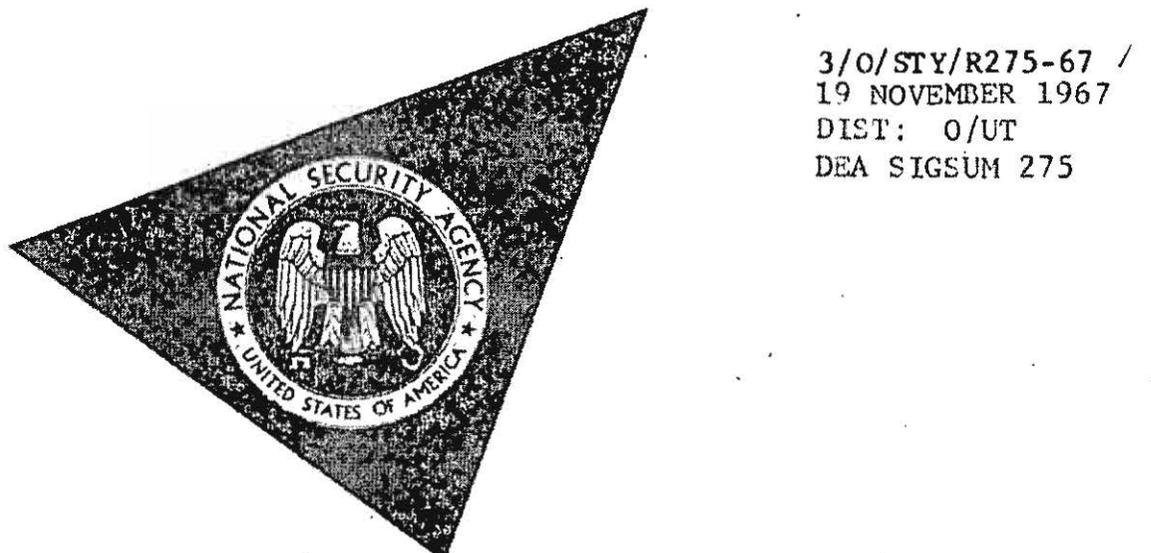
(2) [REDACTED] VCK/R243-67, [REDACTED] (SECRET SAVIN) B. OTHER DEVELOPMENTS DRV AN-24 RETURNS TO HANOI FROM [REDACTED] THE FLIGHT OF A DRV AN-24 FROM [REDACTED] TO HANOI, WITH AN EN ROUTE STOPOVER AT [REDACTED] WAS REFLECTED IN SIGINT ON 17 NOVEMBER. THIS AIRCRAFT FLEW FROM HANOI TO [REDACTED] ON 28 AND 29 OCTOBER. AT THAT TIME 16 PASSENGERS WERE REPORTEDLY ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT. ON 15 NOVEMBER, TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THIS AIRCRAFT'S DEPARTURE FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PERSONNEL ON BOARD. COLLATERAL HAS REVEALED THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION TO THE 50TH SOVIET ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS DEPARTED FOR MOSCOW ON 28 OCTOBER. THE DELEGATION INCLUDED PARTY FIRST SECRETARY, LE DUAN, MINISTER OF DEFENSE, VO NGUYEN GIAP, AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, NGUYEN DUY TRINH. (2) [REDACTED] VCA/R35-67, 261739Z OCTOBER AND FOLLOW-UPS THERETO) (SECRET SAVIN) II. NON-COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIA A. LAOS POSSIBLE MUTINY IN NAM BAC DEFENSE FORCE COMPANY A REPORT FROM, POSSIBLY, THE 2ND COMPANY/2ND BI OF THE RLA DISCLOSED THAT TROOPS IN THAT DETACHMENT WERE "MUTINOUS" AND INTEND TO KILL THEIR LEADERS. THE UNIT REQUESTED "URGENT" REINFORCEMENTS, ADDING THAT ON 18 NOVEMBER IT HAD ARRESTED THREE MEN WHO WERE APPARENTLY INVOLVED IN THE CONSPIRACY. THE 2ND BI IS OPERATING IN THE NAM BAC AREA. (2) [REDACTED] LSM/T#1237-67, 190632Z) (SECRET SAVIN) B. CAMBODIA I. CAMBODIA FORMS NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION BATTALION THE FORMATION OF A FOURTH ENGINEER ROAD CONSTRUCTION BATTALION, POSSIBLY TO BE LOCATED IN MR 4, HAS BEEN INDICATED IN RECENT SIGINT. (2) [REDACTED] CEM/T972-67, 181020Z) (SECRET SAVIN) 900 NNNN

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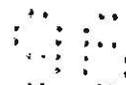
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This report summarizes developments noted throughout Southeast Asia available to NSA at time of publication on 19 November 1967. All information in this report is based entirely on SIGINT except where otherwise specifically indicated.

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SITUATION SUMMARY

In the western highlands of South Vietnam, elements of the PAVN 1st Division, PAVN B3 Front, continued to discuss the tactical situation in the Dak To area of Kontum Province. To the south, according to preliminary information, other PAVN elements have begun to discuss attack preparations in the Pleiku Province-Cambodia border area, and have referred to the crash in Thua Thien Province of a helicopter carrying "an enemy major general."

In the DMZ area, an artillery attack to be conducted against Con Thien on 20 November was disclosed by an unidentified subordinate of the PAVN 164th Artillery Regiment. Also revealed in SIGINT was the deployment of the Headquarters of the PAVN 90th Regiment to the southern area of the DMZ.

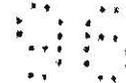
Indications of the deployment of the probable PAVN 304th Infantry Division garrisoned in Thanh Hao Province, was revealed in recent SIGINT. However, it can not be determined whether or not the deployment of the entire division has commenced.

Three or more air-to-air missiles were launched on 18 November during the course of an air engagement between DRV-piloted MIG-21's and hostile aircraft over the DRV, according to SIGINT. Collateral reports have disclosed that two U.S. F-105's were downed over the DRV on that date. Following the engagement the DRV aircraft flew to [redacted] but finding it impossible to land returned to the DRV and landed at Kep. On the previous day two DRV-piloted MIG jet fighters deployed to [redacted]. In the past this type of deployment terminated at [redacted]. In other developments, a DRV AN-24 flew from Hanoi to [redacted] on 28/29 October and was reflected in SIGINT on a return flight to Hanoi on 17 November. [redacted]

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Troops of a Royal Laotian Army (RLA) unit operating in the Nam Bac area of Laos have become "mutinous" and intend to kill their leaders, according to SIGINT on 18 November. This development may involve the RLA 2nd Infantry Battalion (BI) which reportedly is operating in that area.

SIGINT recently indicated that a new engineer road construction battalion has been formed in Cambodia, possibly to be located in MR 4. To the east in MR 5, an unidentified helicopter reportedly was shot by provincial guard forces. In other developments, a threat of renewed demonstrations by the Khmer Loeu has recently been revealed in SIGINT. These demonstrations reportedly would be directed toward the capital city of Ratanakiri Province, in MR 5. On 14 November, 200 Provincial Guardsmen were requested as reinforcements for that area.

A Thai police interrogation of two Chinese Ho troops has revealed that a company of that force was operating from Ban Nong Ha in northern Thailand. The company reportedly is equipped with two radios and light infantry weapons.

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I. COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIAA. MILITARY1. Vietnamese Communist Communications - South VietnamMilitary Region 5

In the western highlands, elements of the PAVN 1st Division, PAVN B3 Front, continued to discuss the tactical situation in the Dak To area of Kontum Province. To the south, according to preliminary information, other PAVN elements have begun to discuss attack preparations in the Pleiku Province-Cambodia border area, and have referred to the crash in Thua Thien Province of a helicopter carrying "an enemy major general."

Three tactical messages were passed between two radio stations possibly representing forward elements of the PAVN 1st Division on 17 November. The first of these messages indicated that a PAVN commander had organized a "feinting maneuver" and reconnaissance of the road at "751A". Moreover, from 9 to 10 (B val helicopters) reportedly still supplied the artillery position which "fires heavily to the northwest of Ngoc R." (Ngoc Rin Rua, possibly the place referred to in this message, is located at 14-38N 107-44E, YB 935188). The remaining two messages indicated that the commander had given the sapper detachment the mission of destroying certain targets, but inferred that some difficulty was being experienced, possibly because they did not have any mines.

Messages passed through 18 November by [redacted] elements of the PAVN 1st Division continued to report on Allied activity near Dak To, especially on worksite 18. In addition, on 18 November the [redacted] Hq, PAVN 1st Division, was informed by a subordinate of the withdrawal of Allied forces from a position west of Dak To. The subordinate reported that during the period [redacted]

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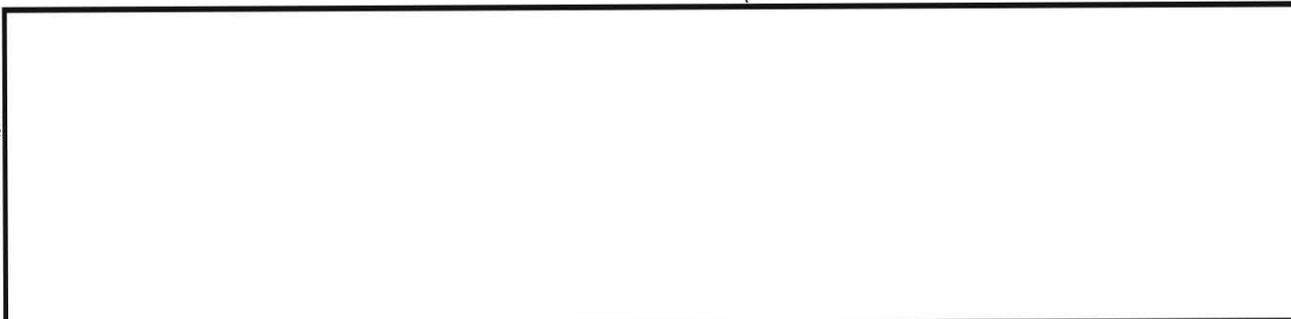
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In the Quang Nam-Quang Tin Province border area, the Hq, PAVN 2nd Division informed a subordinate, the possible PAVN 3rd Regiment, that it was about to move. The division headquarters was last located by SIGINT near 15-33N 108-02E (AT 817216), in north-central Quang Tin, 8 km west-southwest of Hiep Duc. The possible Hq, PAVN 2nd Division Forward Element informed the division headquarters that it was about to move on 16 November. On the previous day it was located near 15-38N 108-08E (AT 930310), in Quang Nam Province. Then, by 17 November, this possible forward element had moved about 8 km to the northeast, where it was located in proximity to 15-42N 108-13E (BT 002383). On 18 November, the possible forward element again reported that it was about to relocate from its position about 6 km northwest of Que Son in southeastern Quang Nam.

Messages passed by unidentified elements which may be associated with the PAVN B3 Front in the Pleiku Province-Cambodia border area suggest the renewal of tactical operations in that area. According to preliminary information, messages passed by those entities on 16, 17 and 18 November mentioned battle field preparations, instructions to fire at an undisclosed target, surveillance activities regarding Allied forces, and the destruction of tanks, armored vehicles and helicopters. In addition, one of the entities, in a 16 November message, made reference to the destruction of a helicopter in Thua Thien Province on 14 November in which an "enemy major general" was killed. This terminal was located near 13-53N 107-34E (YA 788354) on 16 November in the Pleiku Province-Cambodia border area; another entity was located in the vicinity of 13-54N 107-36E (YA 813387) on

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11 November; and still another to the south in the Ia Drang Valley area, at 13-43N 107-31E (YA 718181) on 17 November.

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2. DRV Communications

DMZ Area

An artillery attack of undetermined scope will probably be directed against Con Thien on 20 November. On 19 November, an unidentified subordinate of the PAVN 164th Artillery Regiment was directed to conduct a fire mission against "C2" (Con Thien) on the 20th. ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

Deployment of the Hq, PAVN 90th Regiment into the southern DMZ has been noted in SIGINT. Tactical communications of the 7th Battalion, 90th Regiment on 16 November indicate that beginning 17 November the Hq 90th Regiment would be "at the new location." On 14 November SIGINT located the Hqs, 90th Regiment at 16-58N 106-54E (YD 020766) and on 18 November the Hqs relocated to 16-56N 107-02E (YD 163751) approximately 14 km to the east.

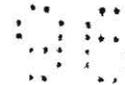
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Military Region 3

Indications of the deployment of the probable PAVN 304th Infantry Division garrisoned in Thanh Hoa Province (19-45N 105-50E, WG 8882) have been provided by recent communications characteristics noted on the radio group serving the division. Although the normal signal plan used by the division headquarters in communicating with its subordinates has not been noted since 11 November, it has not been determined if the deployment of the entire division has commenced. The tentative location of the probable division headquarters was in

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the area of 19-00N 105-20E (WG 3401) in Nghe An Province on 17 November. The activation of a special communications group by the probable 304th Division on 12 November is similar to the communications posture assumed by the PAVN 324th Division during its deployment in May 1966.

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3. DRV MIGs Engage Hostile Aircraft

On 18 November SIGINT reflected an air engagement between 2 Phuc Yen-based DRV piloted MIG-21's and 12 hostile aircraft over the DRV. During the engagement at least three air-to-air missiles were launched by the DRV MIGs. Immediately after the engagement the MIGs were directed to proceed to [redacted] as enemy aircraft were in the Phuc Yen area. Upon arriving over [redacted] the DRV pilots reported they could not land at that location, probably because of weather, and requested to go to probably [redacted]. The senior DRV GCI controller instructed both MIGs to return to the DRV and land at Kep. Shortly after recovering at Kep both aircraft flew back to Phuc Yen.

Collateral reports reveal that two U.S. F-105's were downed by air-to-air missiles during an air engagement with MIG-21's over the DRV on 18 November.

(2/H3/[redacted] VCK/R45-67, 180540Z and Follow-ups thereto)

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4. Two DRV MIGs [redacted]

The flights of two DRV piloted MIG jet fighters from the DRV [redacted] were reflected in SIGINT on 17 November. There were no indications that MIG-21 type aircraft were involved in the activity. Previous deployments of this type have terminated [redacted]

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B. OTHER DEVELOPMENTSDRV AN-24 Returns to Hanoi From Peiching

The flight of a DRV AN-24 from [redacted] to Hanoi, with an en route stopover at [redacted], was reflected in SIGINT on 17 November. This aircraft flew from Hanoi to [redacted] on 28 and 29 October; at that time 16 passengers were reportedly aboard the aircraft. On 15 November, two days prior to this aircraft's departure from [redacted]

Collateral has revealed that the North Vietnamese delegation to the 50th Soviet Anniversary celebrations departed for Moscow on 28 October. The delegation included Party First Secretary, Le Duan; Minister of Defense, Vo Nguyen Giap; and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Nguyen Duy Trinh.

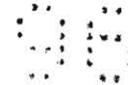
(2/ [redacted] VCA/R35-67, 261739Z October and Follow-ups thereto)
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II. NON-COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIAA. LAOSPossible Mutiny In Nam Bac Defense Force Company

A report from, possibly, the 2nd Company/2nd BI of the RLA disclosed that troops in that detachment were "mutinous" and intend to kill their leaders. The unit requested "urgent" reinforcements, adding that on 18 November it had arrested three men who were apparently involved in the conspiracy. The 2nd BI is operating in the Nam Bac area.

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B. CAMBODIA1. Cambodia Forms New Road Construction Battalion

The formation of a Fourth Engineer Road Construction Battalion, possibly to be located in MR 4, has been indicated in recent SIGINT.

(2/ [] CEM/T972-67, 181020Z) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

2. Cambodians Shoot Down Unidentified Helicopter

An unidentified helicopter was shot down by provincial guard forces at La Palkhe Post (12-05N 106-54E YU 1037) in MR 5, according to a 17 November Cambodian message.

(2/ [] CEK/T237-67, 181105Z) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~

3. Khmer Loeu Demonstrations In Cambodia's MR 5

In response to the threat of renewed demonstrations by the Khmer Loeu, [] this time toward the capital city of Ratanakiri Province, [] 200 Provincial Guardsmen have been requested as reinforcements in MR 5, according to a 14 November Cambodian message. Discontent among the Khmer Loeu has been revealed in SIGINT since April and has erupted into several demonstrations during October and November, causing growing concern to Cambodian military authorities. On 18 November the 24th Battalion was reported moving to Labansiek (13-43N 106-57E YA 1117). Following the movements of the 27th Battalion to a new command post at Virachey (13-59N 106-46E, XA 9146) and one company of the 27th Battalion to Siem Pang (14-07N 106-23E, XA 5060) District, elements of the 23rd Battalion moved to Lom Kcm (13-40N 107-31E, YA 7123) and Andaung Pich (13-42N 107-12E, YA 3815), while the 11th Battalion moved to Labansiek.

(2/ [] T194-67, 171205Z; 2/ [] CEM/T979-67, 190424Z;
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C. THAILANDChinese Ho Troops In Northern Thailand

Thai police reported on 17 November that a company of Chinese Ho troops was operating from Ban Nong Ha, PB 6052 (19-27N 100-31E), in northern Thailand. The company is equipped with two radios and light infantry weapons, including two mortars. This information was reportedly obtained from police interrogation of two Chinese Ho troops who were traveling among the hill tribes selling goods and giving medical injections.

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