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SUMMARY OF VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN THE DRV, MILITARY REGION
TRI-THIEN-HUE AND LAOS WHICH HAS BECOME AVAILABLE DURING THE PERIOD
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4. 29TH REGIMENT: ON 28 MARCH, A MESSAGE SENT BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE 29 REGIMENT INDICATED THAT A "COMPANY 12" OF UNKNOWN SUBORDINATION (POSSIBLY SUBORDINATE TO THE 9TH BATTALION 29TH) WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY WITH THE OPERATION OF ARTILLERY. NO REASON FOR THE DIFFICULTY WAS GIVEN. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS ON 28 MARCH WERE CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH RESUPPLY. REFERENCE WAS NOTED TO WEAPONS WHICH WOULD SHORTLY "BE RECEIVED AT THE REGIMENTAL REAR AREA." (2/G11/VCM/T2402-68 AND T2399-68) 5. 164TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT: A MESSAGE SENT BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 164TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT REFLECTED AN ALLIED ATTACK ON THE UNLOCATED AREA OF DONG THUNA ON 28 MARCH. ALSO, ONE UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT INSTRUCTED THE OTHER TO "OBSERVE THE ENEMY IN THE AREA OF B-9," WHICH IS POSSIBLY IDENTIFIED IN COLLATERAL AS QUANG NGANG (16-52N 107-04E, YD 221 678). (2/G11/VCM/T2430-68) 6. 27TH INDEPENDENT BATTALION: MORTAR ATTACKS ON ALLIED POSITIONS, CONTINUED OBSERVANCE OF ALLIED SWEEPS SOUTH OF CAM LO, AND A MISSION OF UNDETERMINED SCOPE IN THE TRI-THIEN-HUE AREA WERE REVEALED IN 27TH INDEPENDENT BATTALION COMMUNICATIONS OF 28 AND 29 MARCH. THE HQ, 27TH BATTALION REPORTED THE POSSIBLE DMZ FRONT THAT, ON THE NIGHT OF 27 MARCH, AT LEAST ELEMENTS OF THE BATTALION STAGED A MORTAR ATTACK ON A POSSIBLE ALLIED BATTALION WHICH "PUT DOWN AT HIGH POINT 91 (UNLOCATED)," POSSIBLY IN THE VICINITY OF CUA (16-44N 106-57E, YD 096 528) OR RAD VINH (16-45N 107-00E, YD 145 532). IT WAS INDICATED THAT MORTAR ATTACKS WOULD CONTINUE ON THE NIGHT OF 28 MARCH IN AN UNSPECIFIED AREA WHERE ALLIED PROBES WERE TAKING PLACE (A POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO A BATTALION SIZED SWEEP OBSERVED TAKING PLACE "FROM CAM LO ON DOWN"). A MESSAGE ON 29 MARCH REVEALED THAT ONE OF THE ELEMENTS HAD OBSERVED ALLIED FORCES DEPLOYING IN AN AREA SOUTH OF ROUTE 9 AT BA LONG (16-37N 107-00E, YD 158 401), LANG HO (POSSIBLE 16-23N 106-58E, YD 123 124) AND CA LU (POSSIBLE 16-40N 106-53E, YD 010 452). THE UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT WAS WAITING TO SEE WHAT ACTION THE ALLIED FORCES WOULD TAKE. ALSO ON 29 MARCH, AN UNIDENTIFIED 27TH BATTALION ELEMENT INDICATED THAT IT WAS "GOING TO WORK THE MISSION AROUND THE TRI-THIEN-HUE AREA." THE SCOPE OF THIS MISSION IS UNKNOWN, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IT REPRESENTS THE BEGINNING OF RECONNAISSANCE OF THE TRI-THIEN-HUE AREA BY ELEMENTS OF THE 27TH BATTALION. (2/G11/VCM/T2393-68, T2429-68, T2406-68, T2435-68, AND T2391-68) 7. UNIDENTIFIED ARTILLERY ELEMENTS: COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ARTILLERY ELEMENTS ON 28 MARCH CONTINUED TO REFLECT DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF ALLIED DAILY ACTIVITY AND FIRING PROCEDURES AT CAMP CARROL. REFERENCE WAS ALSO MADE TO

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TENUOUS PLANS FOR FIRING INTO CAMP CARROL AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME ON 29 MARCH. ON 28 MARCH, AN UNIDENTIFIED ARTILLERY ASSOCIATED ELEMENT WAS LOCATED IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 12 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF QUANG TRI NEAR BASE AREA 101, IN THE VICINITY OF 16-39N 107-04E (YD 220 434). (2/011/VCN/T2420-68, T2425-68: TACREP NR 712-68 AND 710-68 PASEP (GOLF ELEVEN/HOTEL 282300 AND 281843Z) 8. UNIDENTIFIED: ON 28 MARCH, COMMUNICATIONS SERVING UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS REVEALED THE SHOOTDOWN OF A HELICOPTER AND THE KILLING OF ITS PILOT. NO SPECIFIC LOCATION FOR THIS OCCURRENCE WAS GIVEN. (TACREP NR 719-68 SONGBIRD PASEP (GOLF ELEVEN/ECHO 290755Z) 8. REAR SERVICES: THE INITIAL OCCURRENCE OF REFERENCES TO TANKS, POSSIBLY BEING TRANSPORTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RECENTLY DETECTED MOVEMENT OF MILITARY GROUPS, AND THE EXISTENCE OF THE POSSIBLE 25TH MILITARY GROUP OBSERVED TO DATE, WERE REVEALED IN REAR SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS ON 27 AND 28 MARCH. IT WAS DISCLOSED IN A 28 MARCH MESSAGE THAT "TANKS OF (GROUP) 198" WERE TO "ASSEMBLE AT NORTH BAC (POSSIBLE LOCATIONS BOTH IN NORTH VIETNAM AND LAOS) AND CONTROL THE SITUATION OF THE VARIOUS GROUPS." THIS MESSAGE MADE REFERENCE TO ORDERS FOR "GROUP 4007," POSSIBLY THE 25TH GROUP OBSERVED. GROUP 198 WAS IDENTIFIED IN A 26 MARCH MESSAGE AS AN ARTILLERY GROUP AND WAS LOCATED ON ROUTE 12, AND IT NOW SEEMS LIKELY THAT AT LEAST THIS ONE ARTILLERY/ ARMOR ELEMENT IS MOVING WITH THE MILITARY GROUPS. IT WAS REPORTED ON 28 MARCH THAT AN UNSPECIFIED GROUP WAS TRAVELING IN TWO PARTS. ONE SECTION, CONSISTING OF 163 MEN, WENT TO T-11, WHILE THE OTHER SECTION WITH 158 MEN WENT WITH THE GROUP COMMANDER TO AN UNSPECIFIED LOCATION. THE ENTIRE GROUP WAS EQUIPPED WITH "SOVIET PACKS." THE MESSAGE FURTHER INDICATED THAT THE PREVIOUSLY NOTED GROUPS 4008 AND 3012 WERE STATIONED AT T-11, POSSIBLY LOCATED NEAR YEN CAT (19-44N 105-51E, WG 89 82), WHERE THEY WERE PAGED IN BUNBU P REPAIR ACTIVITY. EARLIER COMMUNICATIONS HAVE INDICATED THAT POSSIBLY T-11 HAD "WOUNDED AND WAR DEAD" FROM 22 MARCH. 85 8: 09: 8: 03 50-5 508: 54, : 880.3, 5: 5-589, 2-: 9: 3: : 6 -) 83: -84: 4- 5, ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO AIR STRIKES HAVE BEEN NOTED. (2/011/VCN/T2416-68 AND T2424-68) XXHH 900 NNNN

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