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In the Attoupeu Sector, an estimated battalion was reported on 16 July heading east for its new station just north of Muong May (14-49N 106-57E, YB 0939). To the southeast, close to the Cambodian border, two "VC" companies were said to be staging to attack RLA positions in the vicinity of Phou Sa Phong, YB 4002 (14-31N 107-14E).

The latest information received on the dissolution of the Neutralist Mobile Groups (GM) in MR 4 indicates that the three battalions of GM 802 (Keng Nhao, 15-20N 105-59E, XB 0696) continue to operate under its former headquarters. However, according to an 18 July Neutralist strength report, the headquarters company of GM 804 (Souvanna Khili, 15-23N 105-59E, WB 8892) has apparently been eliminated and its troops assimilated into two battalions of the former GM.

~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~IV. CAMBODIAA. CAMBODIANS CAPTURE U.S. LANDING CRAFT

A U.S. landing craft was captured by Cambodian military forces on 17 July at 0730Z after it had advanced to WT 2008 (10-56N 105-11E), 2,000 meters inside Cambodian territory on the Mekong River, according to Cambodian messages. The craft was taken to Naval Headquarters Choui Chang War (11-34N 104-57E, VT 9479) and the crew members--11 Americans and one South Vietnamese--were imprisoned at Phnom Penh, where they will be subject to Cambodian law. The craft's equipment, consisting mainly of small arms and radios, is being sent to the General Staff/G2.

On 18 July several elements from Kandal (11-28N 104-56E, VT 9874) and Prey Veng (11-30N 105-25E, WT 4672) Provinces, and later, the Kaam Sammar (10-58N 104-56E, WT 0913) Police Post, were reinforced and alerted in anticipation of retaliatory U.S. attacks.

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