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SIGINT REFLECTION OF A MACSOG GROUND OPERATION IN THE PRAIRIE

FIRE AREA OF OPERATION

1. THE TRANSLATION OF AN 8 AUGUST MESSAGE INTERCEPTED BY USN-414

FROM THE 559TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP TO BINH TRAM 34 AND WHICH

WAS LATER RETRANSMITTED BY THAT ENTITY TO HIS SUBORDINATE REAR

SERVICE ELEMENTS, IS A REFLECTION OF MACSOG RECONNAISSANCE TEAMS

OPERATING IN THE PRAIRIE FIRE TARGET AREA NOVEMBER-THREE (YD

003 115).

2. THE MESSAGE STATED QUOTE: ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE OF

GROUP (559TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP), AT 1635G, ON 06 AUGUST,

THERE WERE 2 GROUPS OF RAIDERS CONSISTING OF 3 AMERICANS, 3

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, AND 15 OTHERS FROM QUANG VANG

(XD 992 082) DOWN TO A POINT 3 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF

HIGHPOINT 1362 (XD 992 082) AT COORDINATES 12-96,2 (POSSIBLE

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~~CLASSIFIED~~ WAS TO EXPLORE THE AREA AND CAPTURE SOME OF OUR MEN TO OBTAIN
~~CLASSIFIED~~ INFORMATION. THE BINH TRAM INSTRUCTED THE FORWARD HEADQUARTERS
~~CLASSIFIED~~ TO APPOINT A MAIN ELEMENT, AND 2 CELLS CONSISTING OF HEALTHY
~~CLASSIFIED~~ GUERRILLA SOLDIERS ((5GRG)) OF THE CADRE AND MILITIA TO
~~CLASSIFIED~~ ((3GRG)) AND MEN TO LEAD THE WAY TO SEARCH FOR AND CAPTURE THIS
~~CLASSIFIED~~ BAND. INFORM ALL UNITS NEAR THERE OF THIS, ESPECIALLY
~~CLASSIFIED~~ T-223 (UNLOCATED, LAO SALIENT) AND T-224 (UNLOCATED, LAO SALIENT),
~~CLASSIFIED~~ AND TRAVELERS GOING ON THAT SECTION OF THE ROAD. WATCH OUT FOR
~~CLASSIFIED~~ ENEMY AMBUSHES, AND GO OUT TO ORGANIZE THE CAPTURE ACCORDING TO
~~CLASSIFIED~~ ((4GRG)) ORGANIZE THE TROOP MOVEMENTS ON THE ROAD CAREFULLY AND
~~CLASSIFIED~~ IT IS IMPORTANT ((2GRG)) TO SEE HOW B-14'S (UNLOCATED) METHODS
~~CLASSIFIED~~ OF DEALING WITH THIS IN THAT AREA ARE. THANKS TO THEIR HELP,
~~CLASSIFIED~~ THIS ORDER CAN BE CARRIED OUT. UPON FINISHING, REPORT BACK
~~CLASSIFIED~~ IMMEDIATELY AND LET ME KNOW. UNQUOTE.

(USMB03 2/G11/VCM/T6907-69)

~~CLASSIFIED~~ 3. AT 060934Z AUGUST 69, TWO RECON TEAMS CONSISTING OF FIVE
~~CLASSIFIED~~ AMERICAN AND 15 INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL WERE INSERTED INTO THE
~~CLASSIFIED~~ PRAIRIE FIRE TARGET AREA AT XD 981 110. THE TEAMS MOVED TO THE
~~CLASSIFIED~~ VICINITY OF XD 983 107 AND AT 081040Z REPORTED AN ESTIMATED
~~CLASSIFIED~~ TWO ENEMY PLATOONS 360 DEGREES 100 METERS FROM THEIR POSITION.
~~CLASSIFIED~~ TAC AIR AND HELO GUNSHIPS WERE EMPLOYED AND EXFILTRATION

~~CLASSIFIED~~ FROM XD 982 109 AT 090927Z WITHOUT CASUALTY TO TEAM MEMBERS.

~~CLASSIFIED~~ DURING EXTRACTION OPERATIONS ONE HELO GUNSHIP WAS SHOT DOWN WITH
TWO MEMBERS OF A FOUR MAN CREW KIA AND 2 RESCUED.

4. IN VIEW OF THE CORRESPONDING TIMES, PERSONNEL TOTALS AND

~~CLASSIFIED~~ IDENTITIES IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE ABOVE TRANSLATION IS A

VALID SIGINT REFLECTION OF THE MACSOG RECON TEAMS

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