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ENP82FF122838 2/G11/VCJ/R891-78 RPT 2/G11/VCJ/R891-78 SUMMARY OF VIETNAMESE  
 COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN THE DXZ, DRV MILITARY REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE AND LAOS WHICH  
 HAS BECOME AVAILABLE DURING THE PERIOD 211800Z THRU 22 0959Z MARCH 1978.  
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THE SUBJECT OF A 21 MARCH COMMUNIQUE FROM THE COMMAND POST OF THE 559TH  
 TRANSPORTATION GROUP TO BINH TRAM 42. GROUP REVEALED THAT THE 2ND ENGINEER  
 BATTALION USED INFANTRY WEAPONS TO SHOOT DOWN A HELICOPTER. REPORTEDLY, THE  
 PILOT WAS KILLED AND THE RADIO WAS CAPTURED. THE MESSAGE ALSO NOTED THAT THE  
 284TH AAA REGIMENT SHOT INTO FLAMES ONE HELICOPTER AND ONE AD-5. NO DATE WAS  
 DISCLOSED FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE SHOOTDOWNS. ALSO, ACCORDING TO THE DIS- PATCH,  
 BINH TRAM 41 SHOT DOWN TWO F-4'S, ONE EACH ON 19 AND 28 MARCH.  
 (2/G11/VCJ/T2283-78; SONGBIRD) ANOTHER SHOOTDOWN WAS DISCLOSED ON AN EMUATION  
 REPORT FROM THE 16TH AAA BATTALION TO BINH TRAM 32. THE BINH TRAM WAS TOLD THAT  
 ONE F-4 WAS SHOT DOWN, AND ANOTHER THREE SHOT INTO FLAMES DURING THE MONTH  
 WHILE THE BATTALION WAS PROTECTING 952 VEHICLES WHICH WERE GOING DOWN, AND  
 916 VEHICLES WHICH WERE GOING UP. (2/G11/VCJ/T2383-78) A 21 MARCH DISPATCH FROM  
 BINH TRAM 32 TO ALL UNITS MENTIONED THAT DURING THE NIGHT AND DAY OF 21 MARCH,  
 ALL ENGINEER BATTALIONS ARE TO BUILD FAUSE POSITIONS AT ALL POSITIONS. THE BINH  
 TRAM DIRECTED THE 69TH ENGINEER BATTALION TO USE LAMPLIGHTS AT KM 86 (LOCATED  
 WITHIN 2000 METERS OF XD 858 719, 16-56N 106-08E) AND KM 93 (COPLAT- ERALLY  
 LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF XD 889 668, 16-52N 106-01E) TO SIMULATE VEHICLE  
 HEADLIGHTS. (2/G11/VCM/T2293-78) REFLECTIONS OF ALLIED AIR ACTIVITY, READ AS  
 FOLLOWS, A. NUMBER AND TYPE OF AIRCRAFT B. TIME AND DATE C. LOCATIONS D.  
 COMMENTS A. ONE OV-10 AND FOUR A-7'S B. 0645, UNSPECIFIED C. TA LAO (LOCATED AT  
 XD 32 68/ 16-48N 106-14E) D. AIRCRAFT DROPPED ONE SMOKE MARKER AND NINE STICKS  
 OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMBS A. ONE OV-10 AND TWO F-4'S B. 1838G, UNSPECIFIED C. TAM  
 BAN (POSSIBLE BAN TAM BAN, LOCATED AT XD 48 58, 16-47N 106-18E) D. AIRCRAFT  
 DROPPED ONE SMOKE MARKER AND THREE STICKS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMBS  
 (2/G11/VCJ/T2291-78) V. NORTH VIETNAM, A. SUSPECTED 325TH DIVISION, ON 28 MARCH  
 , THE POSSIBLE HQ, 36TH REGIMENT AND THE SUSPECTED HQ, 88TH REGIMENT RESUMED  
 COM- MUNICATIONS WITH THE SUD HQ, 325TH DIVISION AFTER A TWO MONTH HIATUS. THE  
 POSSIBLE HQ, 36TH REGIMENT WAS LAST LOCATED ON 7 MARCH WITHIN 2900 METERS OF XD  
 -973 996 (17-08M 106-58E). APPROXIMATELY 38 KM NORTH-NORTHWEST OF CON THIEN ON  
 24 FEBRUARY THE SUSPECTED HQ, 88TH REGIMENT WAS LOCATED WITHIN 25 NAUTICAL  
 MILES OF XE 26 92 (17-58N 106-11E) IN THE HA TINH/QUANG BINH PROVINCE BORDER  
 AREA. B. 164TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT, MESSAGES PASSED BETWEEN UN- IDENTIFIED  
 ELEMENTS OF THE 164TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT, ON 21 AND 22 MARCH TOUCHED UPON  
 COMMUNIST RECONNAISSANCE EF- FORTS NEAR UNLOCATED 485 AND PLANS TO GUARANTEE A  
 VUC- TORIOUS MISSION. THE MESSAGE DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE NATURE OF THIS  
 MISSION. (2/G11/VCM/T8938-78, T8965-78) C. 218TH AAA REGIMENT, ON 28 MARCH ,

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MESSAGES BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE WQTH AAA REGIMENT CONTAINED PERSONNEL STATUS REPORTS AND REFERENCED TO TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN WHICH TECHNIQUES IN EFFECTIVELY ENGAGING SUCH AIRCRAFT AS F4U-19, L-19 AND B-26'S WERE TAUGHT. (2/G11/VCK/T010170, T0102-70) VI. LAOS, ON 21 MARCH, AN UNIDENTIFIED NVA ENTITY (M8325) WHILE IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED ENTITY (M6126), WAS INITIALLY LOCATED WITHIN 3200 METERS OF WD 896 956. (17-06N 105-50E). ALSO ON 21 MARCH, AN UNIDENTIFIED NVA ENTITY (M1006) WAS LOCATED WITHIN 1400 METERS OF XC 314 467 (15-48N 106-11E), WHILE IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH HQ, 565TH GROUP. THIS REPRESENTS A MOVE OF APPROXIMATELY 84KM IN A SOUTH-EASTERLY DIRECTION FROM THIS ENTITY'S PREVIOUS LOCATION ON 10 MARCH WITHIN 500 METERS OF WD 878 077 (16-20N 105-48E). (TACREP NR 474-70 PASEP G11/N>211355Z) XXHH 900 NNNZ

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Loss 1577  
(but doubtful)*

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