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SUMMARY

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THIS REPORT SUMMARIZES DEVELOPMENTS NOTED THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA AVAILABLE TO NSA AS OF 1500Z, 7 JUNE 1970. ALL INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS BASED ENTIRELY ON SIGINT EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY INDICATED. SITUATION SUMMARY ROUTINE MOVEMENT, AFTER-ACTION REPORTING, AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING PREVAILED AS DOMINANT FEATURES OF VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT MOST SOUTH VIETNAM. AMONG THE MORE UNUSUAL DEVELOPMENTS WERE FURTHER REFLECTIONS OF THE FORMATION OF A FRONT-LIKE ORGANIZATION CALLED \$GROUP 300\$ IN THE MR TRI-THIEN-HUE (TTH) AREA, THE SELECTION OF TARGETS FOR FRONT 4'S STAGE 3 OF TACTICAL ACTIVITY, AND THE UNEASINESS OF A COMMUNIST COMMO-LIAISON UNIT IN CAMBODIA HOLDING THREE CAPTURED AMERICAN NEWSMEN. EVIDENCE OF THE EXISTENCE OF GROUP 300, A NEWLY FORMED ORGANIZATION RELATED TO THE NVA 304TH DIVISION, CONTINUES TO ACCUMULATE. COMMUNICATIONS OF 5 JUNE IN THE SOUTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE AREA MENTIONED THE DISPOSITION OF STORAGE AREAS IN CONNECTION WITH ORDERS POSSIBLY FROM THE OPERATIONS SECTION OF THE GROUP. MEANWHILE SINCE 4 JUNE, HQ, 9TH REGIMENT, NVA 304TH DIVISION HAS BEEN COMMUNICATING WITH THE RADIO STATION SUSPECTED TO BE SERVING THE GROUP HEADQUARTERS. COMMUNIST UNITS IN QUANG NGAI, QUANG TIN AND QUANG NAM PROVINCES OF MR 5 CONTINUE TO PLAN ATTACKS OF VARYING SIZE. PRIMARY AMONG THEM ARE THOSE PLANNED AGAINST TARGETS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE--SPECIFIED IN FRONT 4 COMMUNICATIONS ON 4 AND 5 JUNE. A VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST COMMO-LIAISON UNIT OPERATING IN NORTHWESTERN PREY VENG PROVINCE CAMBODIA, TRANSMITTED REPORTS ON 4, 5 AND 6 JUNE TO ITS SUPERIOR ABOUT THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS IDENTIFIED BY DOCUMENTS THEY CARRIED AS NEWSMEN. THE UNIT, WHOSE NORMAL RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE ONLY THE MOVEMENT OF COMMUNIST INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL, SUGGESTED THAT THE THREE AMERICANS, ONE OF WHOM WAS A WOMAN, MIGHT BE CIA OR PACIFICATION PERSONNEL AND REQUESTED THAT THE \$MILITARY STAFFS TAKE CHARGE OF THEM. ~~(TOP SECRET UMBRA)~~ I. CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM A. REFLECTIONS OF ALLIED OPERATIONS IN CAMBODIA COMMUNIST UNITS IN CAMBODIA REPORTED THE CAPTURE OF THREE AMERICANS--ALL CIVILIANS--AND CONTINUED TO SHIFT POSITION, APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO THE CHANGING SITUATION. ON 5 AND 6 JUNE, THE PROBABLE COMMO-LIAISON UNIT 5 REPORTED THE CAPTURE OF THREE AMERICAN NEWSMEN TO THE POSSIBLE COMMO-LIAISON SECTION, STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, COSVN. THE UNIT REPORTED THAT IT WAS HOLDING THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS, ONE OF WHOM IS A WOMAN. THE AMERICANS CARRIED DOCUMENTS CLAIMING THAT THEY WERE JOURNALISTS FOLLOWING OPERATIONS OF III CORPS. THEY HAD BEEN CAPTURED DURING AN AMBUSH, POSSIBLY 5 KM NORTHWEST OF SVAY RIENG (WT 875255, 11-05N 105-48E). ACCORDING TO THE UNIT, \$THESE PEOPLE COULD BE EITHER CIA OR PACIFICATION SPECIALISTS--ONE OF THEM SPEAKS VIETNAMESE.\$ THE UNIT REQUESTED THAT THE

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MILITARY STAFFS TAKE CHARGE OF THE THREE PRISONERS AND TRANSPORT THEM BACK TO COSVN. PRESUMABLY THESE ARE THE SAME THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS REFERRED TO IN A 4 JUNE MESSAGE FROM THE UNIT TO THE SECTION WHICH STATED THAT THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS HAD RECENTLY BEEN RECEIVED BY THE UNIT. UNIT 5 ALSO REPORTED THAT \$E88U (PRESUMABLY THE NVA 88TH REGIMENT) WAS ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE OF A LACK OF PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS, AND THAT THE MEN FEARED ARMORED ATTACKS. THE UNIT HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO MEET \$GROUP 94\$ (NOT IDENTIFIED) AND THEREFORE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPLACEMENTS AND WEAPONS. ~~(ISHTAR)~~ XXIII 900 NNNN

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