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ZKZK PP ORA DE P 192000Z FM DIRNSA TO NSA/TANGO ALFA ZEM T O P S E C R E T
UMBRA SECTION SEVEN XXMMENP07-TB19011 CONTAINS ISHTAR (IN PARAGRAPHS SO MARKED)
3/001 PR16-71 NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC
A FURTHER REFERENCE TO THE USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS BY ALLIED FORCES WAS
CONTAINED IN A 14 JANUARY REPORT FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED REAR SERVICES UNIT OF
PROBABLY BINH TRAM (BT) 41 (XD 727257, 16-31N 106-37E, ALONG ROUTE 926).
REPORTEDLY THE \$ENEMY\$ HAD STRUCK THE UNIT WITH AN APPARENT \$CHEMICAL WEAPON\$
WHICH LEFT THEM WITH \$A SLIGHT IRRITATION OF THE NOSE AND WATERING OF THE
EYES.\$ THE CAPTURE OF AN AMERICAN CAPTAIN WAS REPORTED IN A 16 JANUARY MESSAGE
FROM BT 33 (XD 3530, 16-33N 106-16E). THE MESSAGE REVEALED THAT 10 OF THE
\$ENEMY\$ FROM BZS2 (PROBABLE DESIGNATOR FOR AN RLA UNIT) HAD BEEN KILLED IN THE
AMBUSH. (2/00/VCI/R30-71, 182130Z) V. NORTH VIETNAM A. GROUND FORCES MILITARY
REGION 4 THE THREAT POSED BY ALLIED AIRCRAFT CARRIERS OFF THE COAST OF QUANG
BINH PROVINCE DISTURBED ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 304TH DIVISION. ON 16 JANUARY AN
ELEMENT OF THE DIVISION REPORTED THAT THERE WERE AIRCRAFT CARRIERS 50 KM FROM
THE COAST OF QUANG BINH AND THAT THESE VESSELS WERE MOVING IN CLOSER TO THE
COAST. HE SPECULATED THAT LARGE RAIDS MIGHT BE LAUNCHED FROM THE CARRIERS. ALSO
ON 16 JANUARY A 304TH DIVISION ELEMENT REPORTED ON ALLIED AIR ACTIVITY IN THE
VICINITY OF ROUTE 10 (UNSPECIFIED). COMMUNICATION OF THE NVA 164TH ARTILLERY
REGIMENT CONTINUE TO DISCLOSE COORDINATION WITH NEARBY UNITS AND UNIT
LOCATIONS. ON 17 JANUARY AN ELEMENT OF THE REGIMENT REPORTED THAT IT HAD
COORDINATED WITH A 19TH BATTALION (PROBABLY THE 19TH BATTALION OF THE NVA 320TH
DIVISION). ANOTHER ELEMENT OF THE REGIMENT REQUESTED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
5TH COMPANY TO BE PRESENT AT THE 2D BATTALION'S LOCATION AT VAN TRACH TOWNSHIP
IN BO TRACH DISTRICT (XE 630450, 17-35N 106-32E) IN ORDER TO CELEBRATE THE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE BATTALION DURING 1970. REGIMENT COMMUNICATION ALSO
REVEALED THAT THE 3RD BATTALION'S 11TH COMPANY IS IN VINH LINH. (ISHTAR) ON 17
JANUARY, A MESSAGE FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED, UNLOCATED ELEMENT OF THE NVA 271ST
INDEPENDENT REGIMENT TO AN UNIDENTIFIED, UNLOCATED BATTALION OF THE REGIMENT
DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF \$MOVING TO THANH HOA AND THE NAVY TAKING OVER OUR
PRESENT LOCATION.\$ THE MESSAGE FURTHER REVEALED THAT THE TROOPS OF THE UNIT AND
THE CIVILIANS LIVING IN THE AREA DISCUSSED THE MATTER HEATEDLY SO AS TO
UNDERSTAND THE UNIT'S MISSION. THE REFERENCE TO THANH HOA MAY BE RELATING TO
THE PROVINCE IN MILITARY REGION 3 RIGHT BANK (MR 3 RB) BORDERING NGHE AN
PROVINCE, MR 4, OR A THANH HOA LOCATED AT WF 2988 (18-53N 105-11E), NGHE AN
PROVINCE. ELEMENTS OF THE 271ST REGIMENT ARE CURRENTLY LOCATED BOTH IN NGHE AN
AND QUANG BINH PROVINCES, MR 4. (2/00/VCM/- UNDER PREPARATION) (SECRET)
SPOKE (ISHTAR) B. AIR/AIR DEFENSE FORCES 1

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*Captains lost
in approx area
prior to 16 Jan 71
1688 - 710103*

*That's it! until
oct 70!*

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(2) [] NCA/R01-71, 181422Z AND FOLLOW-UPS;
2X/004 VT12-71, 131546Z; 3/004 VR13-71, ~~(SECRET SPOKE) 2.~~

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(2/00/VCK-E/R11-71, 182125Z; 3/004 VR14-71) ~~(SECRET SPOKE) 3.~~ NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE
AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATIONS CHANGE NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE (NVAF)
AIR-TO-GROUND COMMUNICATIONS HAS CHANGED ON 15 JANUARY 1971. THE CHANGE
INCLUDED FREQUENCIES, GROUND STATION CALLSIGNS AND PILOT BILLET SUFFIXES. SINCE
THE COMMUNICATIONS CHANGE, FLIGHT ACTIVITY HAS BEEN TOO LOW TO PERMIT A FULL
ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF THE CHANGE. XXHH 900 #3231 NNNH

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