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ENP03FF127021 Z/F1/VCJ/R097-71 RPT Z/F1/VCJ/R097-71 SUMMARY OF VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN THE DMZ, DRV, MILITARY REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE, AND LAOS WHICH HAS BECOM AVAILABLE DURING THE PERIOD 261000Z-270959Z FEBRUARY 1971. XXCC

XXCC B. NVA 320TH DIVISION, 1. 48TH REG. 3,5, ON 27 FEBRUARY, THE HQ, 48TH REGIMENT, NVA 320TH DIVISION WAS LOCATED NEAR WD 662 360 (16-36N 105-37E), APPROXIMATELY 10 KM NORTHEAST OF SAVANNAKHET (XD 74 30 , 16-32N 106-28E), LAOS. THIS REPRESENTS A RELOCATION OF APPROXIMATELY 11 KILOMETERS FROM THIS ENTITY'S 24 FEBRUARY LOCATION NEAR WD 721 274 (16-31N 105-40E). ALSO ON 27 FEBRUARY, AN UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION (M0984) OF THE 48TH REGIMENT WAS LOCATED AT WD 506 306 (16-30N 105-28E), APPROXIMATELY 24 KM NORTHWEST OF THIS ENTITY'S 12 FEBRUARY LOCATION NEAR WD 736 232 (16-29N 105-41E). THIS PLACES THIS ENTITY 12 KM EAST OF BAN KEING NHAD (WD 38 30, 16-30N 105-21E), LAOS. (TACREP NR 598-71, 599-71 PASEP USM-808/NOVEMBER) 270935Z, 270946Z) 2. 64TH REGIMENT, COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY OF 26 AND 27 FEBRUARY BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE 64TH REGIMENT, NVA 320TH DIVISION CONTINUED TO REFLECT STRIKE ACTIVITY. ON 27 FEBRUARY, A REGIMENTAL ELEMENT WAS INSTRUCTED TO GO TO KM 106 (XD 525 415, 16-38N 106-24E) ON ROUTE 16A AND DESTROY AN UNSPECIFIED COMPLEX UTILIZING \$FIREPOWER\$. ON 26 FEBRUARY, A REPORT ON A STRIKE TO TAKE PLACE \$THAT NIGHT\$ DISCLOSED THAT THREE PT 76'S (RUSSIAN LIGHT AMPHIBIOUS TANK) AND THREE POSSIBLE RUSSIAN MEDIUM TANKS AND AN UNDISCLOSED 2ND BATTALION MINUS ONE COMPANY WOULD BE EMPLOYED. FINALLY, ON 27 FEBRUARY, AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT (NO RD) OF THE 6TH REGIMENT WAS LOCATED AT XD 540 509 (16-43N 106-26E), APPROXIMATELY 30 KM WEST-NORTHWEST OF KHE SANH COMBAT BASE (XD 824 422, 16-39N 106-19E). (TACREP NR 595-71 PASEP USM-808/NOVEMBER) 270611Z; USM-645 NR 435-71 AND TACREP NR 126-71) C. NVA 70TH FRONT, ON 26 FEBRUARY, THE HQ, NVA 70TH FRONT WAS LOCATED AT XD 611 604 (16-49N 106-30E), REPRESENTING AN APPROXIMATE NINE KM NORTHEASTERLY RELOCATION FROM THIS ENTITY'S 21 FEBRUARY LOCATION NEAR XD 559 549 (16-45N 116-27E). TACREP NR 592-71 PASEP USM-808/NOVEMBER) 261833Z) V. INFILTRATION, ON 26 FEBRUARY, COMBAT RESULTS WERE REVEALED BY BINH TRAM 33 IN A MESSAGE TO ALL UNITS. REPORTEDLY, FROM 5 FEBRUARY TO 25 FEBRUARY 168 AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOWN ON THE SOUTH-ERN LAOS FRONT, SPECIFICALLY AT HIGHPOINT 546 (XD 525 483, 16-42N 106-26E), WHERE AN ALLEGED 18 HELICOPTERS WERE SHOT DOWN. THE BINH TRAM REPORTED CAPTURING MORE THAN 110 ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR INCLUDING ONE BRIGADE COMMANDER, ONE MAJOR, THREE CAPTAINS, AND THREE FIRST LIEUTENANTS. ALL WEAPONS BELONGING TO THE PRISONERS OF WAR WERE ALSO REPORTED AS BEING CAPTURED. TWO BATTALIONS OF THE 3RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE WERE REPORTED AS BEING ANNIHILATED ON 13 AND 25 FEBRUARY. MESSAGE ACTIVITY ON 27 FEBRUARY FURTHER DETAILED THE ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ARVN 3RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE ON 25 FEBRUARY, AS IT WAS

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DISCLOSED THAT COLONEL THO, THE BRIGADE COMMANDER, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 15 OFFICERS WERE REPORTEDLY CAPTURED. IN ADDITION, THE ASSISTANT BATTALION COMMANDER OF THE 2ND BATTALION AND FOUR MAJORS WERE INCLUDED IN THOSE CAPTURED. THE USE OF INCORRECT COORDINATES BY THE 1ST INFANTRY BATTALION WAS DISCLOSED BY BINH TRAM 33 WHEN THE BINH TRAM STATED THAT UNSPECIFIED FIRE WAS STRIKING \$CIVILIANS\$, AND DIRECTIONS TO FIRE AT NEW COORDINATES (XD 493 329, 16-34N 106-23E) WERE NOTED. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FROM BINH TRAM 33 TO ALL UNITS ON 26 FEBRUARY WARNED OF CHEMICAL ATTACKS. THE BINH TRAM STATED THAT A COMMUNIQUE FROM THE 559TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP ON 19 FEBRUARY REVEALED THAT UNITS OF BINH TRAM 41 WERE ATTACKED BY F-4'S AND A-4'S 19 TIMES. THE BINH TRAM ALSO DISCLOSED THAT THERE WAS AN INCREASED USE OF INCENDIARY BOMBS. CONCERNING POSSIBLE CHEMICAL ATTACKS, THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS WERE GIVEN, USE FACE CLOTHS, WATER CANTEENS OF WATER-PROOF MATERIAL AND REVIEW THE CHEMICAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES RECOMMENDED BY THE MEDICAL PERSONNEL. FOR BURNS THE UNITS WERE INSTRUCTED TO USE ABSORBENT COTTON ON THE WOUNDS. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN BINH TRAM 41 AND AN UNIDENTIFIED REAR SERVICES ELEMENT ON 26 FEBRUARY REVEALED THE LOCATION OF A STORAGE AREA. REPORTEDLY, B-4, A COVER DESIGNATOR FOR MILITARY REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE, STATED THAT ALLIED UNITS HAVE DISCOVERED A STORAGE AREA, PROBABLY DESIGNATED L-4, AT XD 58 21 (16-28N 106-28E). THE STORAGE AREA WAS REPORTED AS STORING RICE AND EUMM AMMUNITION. XXHH 900 #0249 NNNN

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