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(IN PARAGRAPHS SO MARKED) 3/00/ R67-71 NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST
ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC II. SOUTH VIETNAM A. MILITARY SITUATION 1. DMZ AREA IN
THE CENTRAL DMZ AREA ON 18 MARCH, ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 84TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT
DISCLOSED THAT PERSONNEL FROM ALL COMPANIES WERE ATTEMPTING TO CORRECT THEIR
COORDINATES OF \$ENEMY\$ POSITIONS SO THAT ACCIDENTAL FIRING ON THEIR OWN
POSITIONS WOULD CEASE. THE REPORTS ALSO REVEALED THAT THE 9TH COMPANY HAS BEEN
SENT TO HILL 360 (XD 970659, 16-52N 106-50E) FOR AN UNSPECIFIED TACTICAL
MISSION. AN AFTER-ACTION REPORT WAS ISSUED ON 16 MARCH CONCERNING AN ATTACK BY
A COMMUNIST 7TH COMPANY AGAINST A U.S. RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENT OPERATING FROM
TAN LICH (YD 193729, 16-56N 107-03E) TO DUONG THI (UNLOCATED). ACCORDING TO THE
REPORT THE 7TH COMPANY FIRED FIFTEEN 60-MM MORTAR ROUNDS AND ONE B-40 ROCKET
ROUND. THE REPORT ADDED THAT THE RESULT OF THE STRIKE WAS NOT YET KNOWN. 6-1)9
-, -)3+3" -55-, (2-? ,9,"7,53" 9, 15 MARCH BY AN ELEMENT OF GROUP 31, IN WHICH
ONE ALLIED TANK WAS DESTROYED AND FIVE AMERICANS KILLED. NORTH OF FIRE SUPPORT
BASE FULLER A RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENT OF THE NVA 38TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT
REPORTED ON 17 MARCH THAT ALLIED FORCES WERE SEARCHING ALL BASE CAMPS OF \$84\$
(REFERENCE TO NVA 84TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT), AND THAT ALLIED TROOPS HAD BEEN
LANDED AT KHONG TEN (YD 040630, 16-50N 106-54E), HILL 425 (XD 960616, 16-49N
106-50E) AND HILL 402 (XD 994623, 16-49N 106-52E). THE REPORT FURTHER DISCLOSED
THAT IF ELEMENTS OF THE 84TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT PULL BACK BECAUSE OF THE ALLIED
ACTIVITY, ELEMENTS OF THE 38TH REGIMENT WILL WITHDRAW WITH THEM. OTHERLA17
MARCH MESSAGES REVEALED THAT THESE TWO ARTILLERY REGIMENTS ARE COORDINATING TO
\$ATTACK THE ENEMY\$ (2/F1/VCM/2129-71, 172136Z) (SECRET SPOKE) 2. MILITARY
REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE RECENT EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT HQ, NVA 7TH FRONT HAS
RESUMED COMMUNICATIONS WITH HIGH COMMAND OF THE ARMED FORCES, NORTH VIETNAM
(HCAFNV) ON THE SOUTH VIETNAM-RELATED NET. THESE ENTITIES HAVE BEEN NOTED IN
DAILY COMMUNICATIONS SINCE AT LEAST 11 FEBRUARY. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE
FRONT AND HCAFNV HAD NOT BEEN OBSERVED SINCE 16 FEBRUARY 1970. THE HQ, 7TH
FRONT WAS LOCATED ON 13 MARCH AT YD 145201 (16-27N 107-00E) IN SOUTHERN QUANG
TRI PROVINCE APPROXIMATELY 35 KM SOUTHEAST OF KHE SANH. THE FRONT HEADQUARTERS
ALSO COMMUNICATES WITH ITS FORWARD ELEMENT; HQ, MR TRI-THIEN-HUE; HQ, 812TH
REGIMENT; HQ, 834TH ROCKET/ARTILLERY BATTALION AND TWO UNIDENTIFIED ENTITIES
987725 AND 87769). THE HQ, 804TH BATTALION, GROUP 5 WAS LOCATED ON 16 MARCH IN
EAST-CENTRAL THUA THIEN PROVINCE, APPROXIMATELY 11 KM SOUTH OF HUE AT YD 868026
(16-18N 107-40E) AND 10 KM NORTHWEST OF ITS 9 MARCH POSITION. THE HQ, 832D
ARTILLERY BATTALION, GROUP 5 WAS LOCATED ON 17 MARCH AT YC 631911 (16-10N
107-43E) IN SOUTH-WESTERN THUA THIEN IN THE VICINITY OF ITS 6 MARCH PLACEMENT.

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THIS DEVELOPMENT TENDS TO NEGATE THE REPORTED 16 MARCH RELOCATION OF THIS BATTALION HEADQUARTERS. (2/00ATXVCM/R117-71, 171901Z; 3/00/ PR65-71) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 3. MILITARY REGION 5 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RECEIPT OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF AMMUNITION, PROBABLY IN PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING COMBAT CAMPAIGN, ARE BEING MADE BY FRONT 4 UNITS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE. BOTH THE VC 1ST BATTALION AND THE DI, N BAN DISTRICT UNIT DISCUSSED THEIR PMUANS TO RECEIVE AMMUNITION IN 17 MARCH COMMUNICATIONS. ALSO IN FRONT 4, THE NVA 575TH ARTILLERY BATTALION WAS LOCATED ON 17 MARCH AT AT 909675 (15-58N 108-06E) IN HIEU DUC DISTRICT, 13 KM NORTHEAST OF ITS 12 MARCH LOCATION. IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS, A REVIEW OF THE NVA 95B REGIMENT ELEMENTS WHICH ARE GROUPING ALONG ROUTE 14 IN SOUTHEASTERN R PLEIKU PROVINCE SHOWS THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AT AQ 845955 (13-30N 108-10E) ON 16 MARCH; HQ, 1ST BATTALION AT AR 785089 (13-37N 108-01E) ON THE 12TH; AND HQ, 394TH ARTILLERY BATTALION AT AR 780023 (13-33N 108-00E) ON THE 16TH. THE 95B'S OTHER SUBORDINATES--THE NVA 120TH SAPPER BATTALION AND AN UNIDENTIFIED ENTITY (E8440)--WEREPAST LOCATED IN THEIR BASE AREA ALONG THE CAMBODIA-SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER. ADDITIONALLY, ARRANGEMENTS FOR A COMMUNICATIONS WATCH WERE MADE RECENTLY BETWEEN THE REGIMENT AND ITS SUBORDINATES. IN THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS ON 17 MARCH, THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION, HQ, NVA B3 FRONT WAS LOCATED IN SOUTH- WESTERN KONTRUM PROVINCE AT YA 575689 (14-10N SAQPUAWEE), 15 KM SOUTH OF ITS 31 JANUARY LOCATION. (2/KI/VCM/T1875-71, 170920Z; T1870-71, 170554Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 4. MILITARY REGION 7 IN THE BIEN HOA-LONG KHANH PROVINCE AREA ON 17 AND 18 MARCH, ELEMENTS OF THE VC 274TH REGIMENT DISCUSSED POLITICAL REORIENTATION, THE EVACUATION OF WOUNDED PERSONNEL, AND THE TRANSPORTZKION OF SUPPLIES. AN UNIDENTIFIED 274TH REGIMENT SUBORDINATE (POSSIBLY E1860) REPORTED ON THE 17TH THAT IT HAD COMPLETED 3 DAYS OF CADRE REORIENTATION AND STATED THAT ENLISTED REORIENTATION WOULD BE HELD AT A LATER DATE. THE SUBORDINATE ALSO REPORTED ON THE DISPOSITION OF ITS PERSONNEL AND REQUESTED CLARIFICATION REGARDING CONFLICTING WOUNDED EVACUATION AND AMTHNITION TRANSPORT MISSIONS. IN APPARENT RESPONSE, THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS ASKED \$THE 18TH COMPANY\$ AND THE \$THE 22D COMPANY\$ (ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL, HEAVY MACHINEGUN AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES, RESPECTIVELY) WHETHER A \$LITTER BEARER GROUP\$ COULD TRAVEL TO SUOI LONG STREAM (YT 3332, 11-08N 107-08E) AND HOW MUCH RICE REMAINED. THE LITTEHEEARERS WERE TO REMAIN AT \$HEADQUARTERS,\$ TOGETHER WITH A 15-WATT RADIO (ELEMENT), AND AWAIT FURTHER ORDERS WHILE THE REMAINDER OF THE 22D COMPANY WAS TO TRANSPORT AK AMMUNITION BACK FROM \$THE RIVER.\$ XXHH 900 #3461 NNNN

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