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XXMNIENP06FTD27051 CONTAINS ~~ISHTAN~~ (IN PARAGRAPHS SO MARKED) 3/004 PR127-71
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC IN SOUTHERN
SARAVANE PROVINCE, THE 46TH BATTALION, 968TH FRONT REPORTED ON ACTIVITY ALONG
THE NORTHERN EDGE OF THE BOLOVENS PLATEAU. ACCORDING TO A 26 MAY MESSAGE TO ITS
2D COMPANY, ONE PLATOON OF THE BATTALION'S 1ST COMPANY WAS TO CONDUCT TACTICAL
ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF BAN BENG (XC 3921, 15-34N 106-18E) WHILE A TEAM
CONDUCTED RECONNAISSANCE PROBABLY IN THE SAME AREA. REFERENCES TO BAN BENG WERE
OBSERVED IN OCTOBER 1970 IN COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS BATTALION,
INDICATING THAT AT LEAST ELEMENTS WERE ACTIVE IN THIS AREA PRIOR TO THEIR
PROBABLE PARTICIPATION IN RECENT ATTACKS IN THE BAN HOUET SAI (XD 4394, 15-18N
106-19E) AREA. (2/00/VCJ/R269-71, 262130Z; R270-71, 261950Z; 2/G1/LSM/R232-71,
261400Z; 2/G1/LSY/R233-71, 261445Z; 2/LSM/T628-71, 260012Z; T629-71,
260106Z; T636-71, 260508Z; T634-71, 260514Z; T635-71, 260512Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~
IV. GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES ACTIVITY THUS FAR IN MAY, 19
INFILTRATION GROUPS (11 BATTALION-SIZED) AND 30 SPECIAL-PURPOSE GROUPS HAVE
BEEN DETECTED IN GDRS COMMUNICATIONS. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ LAOS THE INITIAL
REFERENCES TO GROUPS K136, K132 AND K222 WERE CONTAINED IN A 23 MAY MESSAGE
FROM THE BINH TRAM (BT) 35 (HQ LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF XC 942373, 16-45N
106-48E) AREA. THE TROOP STRENGTHS OF THESE GROUPS WERE REPORTED AS 9, 27 AND 5
PERSONNEL, RESPECTIVELY. TWO 25 MAY MESSAGES EMANATING FROM THE BT 14 (HQ
LOCATED AT XE 2510, 17-17N 106-10E) AND BT 32 (HQ LOCATED AT WD 9762, 16-50N
105-55E) AREAS DISCLOSED THE NORTHWARD MOVEMENT OF AN AMERICAN POW. THE 7TH
COMMO-LIAISON BATTALION REPORTED THAT THE POW WOULD BE IN THE BT 14 AREA \$IN
THE VERY NEAR FUTURE,\$ AND THAT THE PRISONER WAS VERY STUBORN AND HAD ESCAPED
ONCE BEFORE. A LATER MESSAGE, ORIGINATING IN THE BT 32 AREA, DISCLOSED THAT THE
PRISONER WAS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM COMMO-LIAISON STATION (T)-13 (UNLOCATED) TO
T-12 (XD 0565, 16-52N 105-54E) AND EVENTUALLY TO T-11 (XD 1177, 16-58N
106-02E). SIGINT HAS NOT SPECIFICALLY DISCLOSED THAT THIS PRISONER IS THE OV-10
PILOT WHO ESCAPED IN THE BT 33 (HQ LOCATED AT XD 3530, 16-33N 106-16E) AREA.
HOWEVER, THE ABSENCE OF REFLECTIONS OF SEARCH OPERATIONS IN THE BT 33 AREA AND
THE REFERENCE TO AN EARLIER ESCAPE BY THE PRISONER SUGGEST THAT HE MAY BE THE
SAME INDIVIDUAL. (2/00/VCJ/R269-71, 262130Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ V. NORTH VIETNAM A.
CIVIL COMMUNICATIONS HANOI-VINH RADIOPRINTER LINK REACTIVATED THE DRV CIVIL
RADIOPRINTER LINK BETWEEN HANOI AND VINH WAS NOTED ACTIVE ON 10 MARCH FOR THE
FIRST TIME SINCE 17 APRIL 1969. SINCE 10 MARCH THIS LINK HAS BEEN OBSERVED
SPORADICALLY. A 17 APRIL 1971 MESSAGE FROM VINH TO HANOI INDICATED THAT BECAUSE

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OF SPECIAL CONDITIONS, RADIO TELETYPE OPERATIONS WOULD STOP TEMPORARILY ON 19 APRIL AND WOULD THEN RESUME AS USUAL. HOWEVER THIS LINK WAS UNUSUALLY ACTIVE ON 19 APRIL BUT WAS NOT OBSERVED ON THE 18TH. THE ABOVE-NORMAL ACTIVITY ON THE 19 APRIL WAS PROBABLY DUE TO A BACKLOG FROM THE 18TH. THIS IS THE FIRST NOTED USE OF RADIOPRINTER BY DRV CIVIL ENTITIES SINCE 8 SEPTEMBER 1970 WHEN THE RADIOPRINTER LINK BETWEEN HANOI AND VIET TRI (WJ 4554, 21-17N 105-26E) WAS LAST OBSERVED. CONVERSATIONS OBSERVED BETWEEN OPERATORS, AT ALL STATIONS PREVIOUSLY UTILIZING RADIOPRINTER, INDICATED FREQUENT EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS. FURTHERMORE, RADIOPRINTER COMMUNICATIONS SERVING ALL NORTH VIETNAMESE CIVIL ENTITIES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED ON A SPORADIC BASIS SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS MODE OF COMMUNICATIONS ON 9 JULY 1968, WHEN THE HANOI-VINH LINK WAS ESTABLISHED.

~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ D. MARITIME ACTIVITY

THE VESSEL, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT HUANGP'U ON 20 MAY, AND ON 22 MAY, THE SHIP WAS LOCATED AT HUANGP'U AND WAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART ON 25 MAY FOR AN UNSPECIFIED DESTINATION.

(3/00/ PR125-71; R103-71; 3/00/ PR83-71; 2/00/ PR90-71, 251915Z; R89-71, 241920Z; R83-71, 192030; R74-71, 111944Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~

(2X/ T359-71, 270750Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ XXHH 900 #3655 NNNH

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