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THE REFERENCE TO MISSILE POSITIONS MAY RELATE TO ACTIVITIES BY THE 238TH SAM REGIMENT WHICH REPORTEDLY WAS RECONNOITERING THE TERRAIN WITH UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE 224TH AAA REGIMENT AND MAY HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHING POSITIONS IN THE BT 14 AREA. (3/00/ [ ] R125-71, 25 MAY) 3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NORTHWARD MOVEMENT OF AN AMERICAN POW WAS CONTAINED IN A 27 MAY DISPATCH TO THE MILITARY MOVEMENTS SECTION OF BT 32. THE BT WAS INFORMED THAT THE AMERICAN POW WAS AT T-12 AND HAD NOT YET BEEN TRANSFERRED TO T-11. THE REPORT LISTED THE PRISONER'S HEIGHT AS 1.8 METERS (68.8 INCHES) AND POSSIBLY REPORTED HIS NAME AS SBOOTS SOW, WHICH COULD BE A POSSIBLE TRANSLITERATION FOR BUTCHER. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE AMERICAN WAS WHITE AND HAD THREE BROKEN TEETH. HIS WEARING APPAREL WAS REPORTED TO CONSIST OF A BLACK SHIRT, UNDERWEAR AND LONG MILITARY TROUSERS. BT 32 COMMUNICATIONS ON 25 MAY HAD REFERENCED THE NORTHWARD MOVEMENT OF A PRISONER WHO WAS VERY STUBBORN AND HAD ESCAPED ONCE BEFORE. IN ADDITION, COLLATERAL HAS DISCLOSED THAT A LIEUTENANT BUTCHER, AN OV-10 PILOT, HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN IN THE BT 34 AREA IN LATE APRIL. 4. TWO MESSAGES OF 27 MAY TO THE 593D AAA REGIMENT HAVE DISCLOSED LOCATIONS COMPANY TWO 37-MM XD 4331, 16-33N 106-21E ONE 37-MM AND 57-MM XD 4131, 16-33N 106-19E 2ND COMPANY THREE 37-MM XD 3729, 16-32N 106-17E 3RD COMPANY TWO 37-MM XD 3333, 16-35N 106-15E ONE 57-MM XD 3333, 16-35N 106-15E 4TH COMPANY TWO 23-MM XD 3533, 16-35N 106-16E TWO 57-MM XD 3333, 16-35N 106-15E IN ADDITION, THE STORAGE AREAS FOR THE COMPANIES WERE LISTED AS FOLLOWS, 1ST COMPANY XD 4131, 16-33N 106-19E 2ND COMPANY XD 3333, 16-35N 106-15E 3RD COMPANY XD 3331, 16-33N 106-15E 4TH COMPANY XD 3531, 16-33N 106-16E THE SECOND MESSAGE REPORTED THE LOCATION OF THE 16TH BATTALION'S GUN POSITIONS. THE POSITIONS WERE DISCLOSED TO BE IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS, NUMBER OF WEAPONS LOCATION 1ST COMPANY 2 XD 300399, 16-38N 106-13E 2 XD 268289, 16-32N 106-12E 3RD COMPANY 2 XD 292397, 16-38N 106-13E 2 XD 280379, 16-37N 106-12E 4TH COMPANY 2 XD 248399, 16-38N 106-11E 2 XD 244465, 16-42N 106-10E 6TH COMPANY 2 XD 253408, 16-39N 106-11E 2 XD 268427, 16-40N 106-17E 100TH COMPANY 2 (100-MM) XD 208473, 16-42N 106-08E 2 (100-MM) XD 216489, 16-43N 106-03E FINALLY THE 16TH BATTALION REPORTED THE STORAGE AREA OF ITS SUBORDINATE COMPANIES. THEY WERE, 1ST COMPANY XD 236359, 16-36N 106-09E 3D COMPANY XD 252341, 16-35N 106-11E 4TH COMPANY XD 230354, 16-36E 106-09E 6TH COMPANY XD

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192467, 16-42N 106-07E 100TH COMPANY XD 190479, 16-43N 106-07E 5. THE MONTHLY HEALTH SITUATION REPORT FOR THE 16TH AAA BATTALION FROM 20 APRIL TO 20 MAY WAS OBSERVED ON 22 MAY IN A MESSAGE TO THE 593D AAA REGIMENT'S MEDICAL SECTION. THE MESSAGE FURTHER DISCLOSED THAT THE ENTIRE TROOPS STRENGTH OF THE BATTALION WAS 352. ADDITIONALLY, IT CONTAINED A BREAKDOWN OF SICK PERSONNEL BY DISEASE, AS FOLLOWS, DISEASE CASES MALARIA 64 FATIGUE 38 OTHER ILLNESSES 22 TOTAL 124 AN EARLIER MALARIA WRAP-UP REPORT ISSUED ON 25 MAY INDICATED THAT THE 16TH AAA BATTALION HAD ONLY 26 MALARIA CASES FROM EARLY APRIL TO THE PRESENT, THUS INDICATING THAT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF MALARIA CASES MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY REFLECTED IN REAR SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS. (UGDRSS HR. 145, 25 MAY 1971) 6. COMMUNICATIONS ON 20 MAY BETWEEN ELEMENTS OF THE 20TH AAA BATTALION AND BT 33 HAVE INDICATED THAT THE 27TH COMPANY OF THE BATTALION IS TO RECEIVE A NEW ASSIGNMENT. THE COMPANY, ON 20 MAY, WAS TO GATHER ITS 122-MM ROCKETS AND SEND ALL THEIR TROOPS BACK TO THE UNIT. ALL ELEMENTS ATTACHED TO THE COMPANY WERE ORDERED TO BE AT THE COMPANY'S HEADQUARTERS TO RECEIVE THE NEW ASSIGNMENT. ELEMENTS OF THE 20TH AAA BATTALION HAVE BEEN OBSERVED OPERATING ON ROUTE 914. 7. THE REAPPEARANCE OF THE PROBABLE 13TH COMMO-LIAISON BATTALION WAS OBSERVED IN COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN TWO UNIDENTIFIED REAR SERVICES ELEMENTS ON 18 MAY. THE TWO ELEMENTS WERE DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF CONDUCTING AN EVALUATION OF THE CAPABILITIES OF THE BATTALION. WITH THE RELOCATION OF BT 36 IN JULY 1970, THE 13TH COMMO-LIAISON BATTALION WAS RESUBORDINATED TO BT 35. THE BATTALION WAS LAST OBSERVED IN BT 35 COMMUNICATIONS ON 23 NOVEMBER 1970. THE MESSAGE ALSO DISCLOSED A DISCUSSION FOR THE USE OF A NEW REPORTING SYSTEM FOR THE DISPOSITION OF ALL NORTHWARD AND SOUTHWARD MOVING PERSONNEL. HOWEVER AN EXPLANATION OF THE SYSTEM, WAS NOT AVAILABLE. (2/0/VCJ/R580-70, 232043Z DECEMBER) 8. A 27 MAY MESSAGE FROM BT 41 FORWARD DISCLOSED THAT A PORTION OF ROUTE B45 (922/548) WAS TRANSFERRED TO BT 42. THE SECTION OF THE ROAD FROM KM 19 BACK TO (PROBABLY LA HAP) WAS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO BT 42. IN MARCH, WHILE OPERATION LAM SON 719 WAS IN PROGRESS, BT 41 HAD MENTIONED THAT IT WOULD BE TRANSFERRING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ROAD FROM KM 30, TO BT 42. APPARENTLY THAT TRANSFER NEVER TOOK PLACE. (2/00/VCJ/R138-71, 122132Z MARCH) XXHH 900 #3285 NNNH

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