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TO NSA/TANGO ALFAZEM ~~TOP SECRET UMBRA~~ SECTION EIGHT XXMMENP08-TB30051  
CONTAINS ISHTAR (IN PARAGRAPHS SO MARKED) 3/004 [ ] R129-71 NATIONAL SECURITY  
AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC CARGO SHIPMENTS OF THESE PROPORTIONS  
FROM THE NORTHERN PANHANDLE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR ARE UNUSUAL. DURING THE  
1969-70 DRY SEASON, BT 14 STOPPED ITS SHIPMENTS BY MARCH WHILE BT 12 HAD ONLY A  
MINOR TRANSPORTATION ROLE DURING MOST OF THE DRY SEASON. THE INITIAL REFERENCE  
TO POSSIBLY GROUP 1153 WAS CONTAINED IN A HIGHLY FRAGMENTED MESSAGE OF 27 MAY  
FROM PROBABLY BT 35 (XC 942373, 15-42N 106-48E). THE GROUP, WITH 80 PERSONNEL,  
WAS EN ROUTE TO COMMO-LIAISON STATION (T)-62 (YC 0505, 15-26N 106-55E). THE  
INITIAL APPEARANCE OF GROUP 2290 WAS DISCLOSED IN A SEPARATE 27 MAY MESSAGE  
FROM THE BT 14 (XE 2510, 17-17N 106-10E) AREA. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, GROUP  
2290, WITH A COMPLEMENT OF 503 PERSONNEL HAD BEEN DISPATCHED TO T-10 (XD 1983,  
17-02N 106-07E) ON POSSIBLY 26 MAY. THE LOSS OF AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF AAA  
WEAPONS POSSIBLY BELONGING TO THE 12TH COMPANY, 4TH AAA BATTALION, 282D AAA  
REGIMENT, WAS REVEALED IN A 23 MAY MESSAGE. THE LOSS WAS AS A RESULT OF AN  
ENEMY'S AIRSTRIKE WHICH DAMAGED THE FIRING CAPABILITY OF THE WEAPONS.  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NORTHWARD MOVEMENT OF AN AMERICAN  
PRISONER OF WAR (POW) WAS DISCLOSED IN A 27 MAY DISPATCH TO THE MILITARY  
MOVEMENTS SECTION OF BT 32 (WD 9762, 16-50N 105-55E). THE BT WAS INFORMED THAT  
THE POW WAS AT T-12 (XD 0562, 16-52N 105-54E) AND HAD NOT YET BEEN TRANSFERRED  
TO T-11. THE PRISONER'S HEIGHT, A POSSIBLE TRANSLITERATION FOR HIS NAME  
(BUTCHER), HIS WEARING APPAREL AND FURTHER PERSONAL FEATURES WERE ALSO GIVEN IN  
THE MESSAGE. TWO MESSAGES OF 27 MAY CONTAINED THE LOCATIONS OF WEAPONS  
POSITIONS OF THE 12TH AND 16TH BATTALIONS, 593D AAA REGIMENT. GDRS  
COMMUNICATIONS EMANATING FROM BT 32 DISCLOSED THE INITIAL APPEARANCE OF A 217TH  
REGIMENT. THE REGIMENT WAS NOTED REQUESTING BT 32 TO ISSUE ORDERS FOR IT TO  
RECEIVE 24 (SHORT) TONS OF PROVISIONS FROM THE STORAGE AREA OF T-12. ALTHOUGH  
THE 217TH REGIMENT HAS NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT  
REGIMENTS OBSERVED IN THE 2XX SERIES HAVE BEEN AAA UNITS SUBORDINATE TO THE NVA  
367TH DIVISION/ COMMAND. (2/00/VCJ/R275-71, 282200Z; R276-71, 292130Z; R274-71,  
282017Z; R272-71, 281758Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ V. NORTH VIETNAM A. GROUND FORCES  
MILITARY REGION 4 AN ELEMENT OF THE QUANG BINH PROVINCIAL UNIT WARNED  
SUBORDINATES ON 30 MAY THAT THE ENEMY WILL CONDUCT MANY ATTACKS IN MANY WAYS  
DURING THIS PERIOD. THE SUBORDINATES WERE SPECIFICALLY WARNED ABOUT SMALL  
GROUPS OF HELIBORNE RAIDERS AND CAUTIONED TO BE ESPECIALLY ON THE ALERT IN THE  
COASTAL AREAS. D. AIR/AIR DEFENSE FORCES 1. INTERWORKING OF THE NORTH  
VIETNAMESE 224TH AND 282ND AAA REGIMENTS NORTH VIETNAMESE ANTI-AIRCRAFT

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COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN EARLY JANUARY AND MAY 1971 HAVE REVEALED INTER-REGIMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE 224TH AND 282ND AAA REGIMENTS, BOTH OF WHICH ARE SUBORDINATE TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE 367TH ANTI-AIRCRAFT DIVISION AND DEPLOYED IN THE GENERAL BAN KARAI AND BINH TRAM 9 AREAS RESPECTIVELY. THE COMMUNICATIONS DISCLOSED THE MOBILIZATION AND PROBABLE WESTWARD DEPLOYMENT DEEPER INTO LAOTIAN TERRITORY OF THE 17TH AAA BATTALION WITH CORRESPONDING COMMUNICATIONS AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT BEING PROVIDED BY THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 282ND AAA REGIMENT. (2/00/VCK/R221-71, 282110Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 2. 218TH AAA REGIMENT RESUMES COMMUNICATIONS STANDDOWN SINCE 23 MAY, THE 218TH AAA REGIMENT HAS NOT BEEN OBSERVED IN COMMUNICATIONS AND MAY AGAIN BE INVOLVED IN A COMMUNICATIONS STANDDOWN. PRIOR TO 23 MAY, THIS REGIMENT HAD NOT BEEN NOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY SINCE 9 MAY. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PRESENT STANDDOWN BY THE 218TH IS UNKNOWN. ALSO, IT IS UNKNOWN IF THE 218 REMAINS ACTIVE IN LOWER QUANG BINH PROVINCE OR HAS MOVED TO A NEW OPERATING AREA. (2/00/VCK/R201-71, 182021Z; 2/00/VCK/R212-71, 242111Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 3. HVAF AIR DEFENSE BUILDUP ALONG NORTHWESTERN NORTH VIETNAM/LAOS BORDER (HVAF COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENTS AND OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY NOTED DURING APRIL AND MAY INDICATE THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE DEVELOPING A SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY OVER NORTHWESTERN NORTH VIETNAM AND CONTIGUOUS AREAS OF NORTHERN LAOS. THESE DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDE PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT AND THE IMPENDING REACTIVATION OF NA SAN AIRFIELD, THE SCHEDULING OF YEN BAI-BASED 923TH FIGHTER REGIMENT MIG-19 AIRCRAFT FOR FLIGHTS POSSIBLY ALONG ROUTE 6 BETWEEN NA SAN AND THE HOA BINH AREA, AND CHANGES IN THE SURVEILLANCE POSTURE AND THE COMMUNICATIONS STRUCTURE SERVING THE WESTERN SECTOR AIR SURVEILLANCE/GCI FACILITIES. XXHH 900 #3009 KXKN

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