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CONTAINS ISHTAR (IN PARAGRAPHS SO MARKED) - 0001 VR132-71 NATIONAL SECURITY
AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC I. SOUTH VIETNAM MILITARY SITUATION
1. DMZ AREA ON 2 JUNE, AN ELEMENT OF NVA GROUP 31 REPORTED THAT IT HAD KILLED
15 AMERICAN RECONNAISSANCE PERSONNEL AND CAPTURED ONE MACHINEGUN AT HAO SON (UD
135709, 16-54N 106-59E). THE GROUP ELEMENT NOTED THAT ALLIED FORCES HAD
INCREASED THEIR ACTIVITY IN THE PAST FEW DAYS IN PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING
RETURN OF PRISONERS-OF-WAR TO NORTH VIETNAM. ON 1 JUNE, HQ, NVA 84TH ARTILLERY
REGIMENT WAS INVOLVED IN AFTER ACTION REPORTING. THE REGIMENT OF HEADQUARTERS
STATED THAT THE 21ST COMPANY OF THE 12TH BATTALION (A SUSPECTED SUBORDINATE OF
THE NVA 271ST INDEPENDENT REGIMENT), THE 21ST HEAVY WEAPONS COMPANY AND THE 2D
BATTALION, BOTH OF THE NVA 27B REGIMENT, HAD KILLED 50 ALLIED TROOPS IN A 29 MAY
ATTACK AT HILL 182 (YD 051639, 16-51N 106-55E). MOREOVER, A 30 MAY ATTACK BY A
10TH COMPANY AGAINST CAMP CARROLL HAD RESULTED IN 20 ALLIED CASUALTIES AND THE
DESTRUCTION OF THREE VEHICLES AND 20 BUILDINGS. MEANWHILE THE 23D COMPANY HAD
SHOT DOWN TWO ALLIED AIRCRAFT ON 30 MAY. A REGIMENTAL ELEMENT INFORMED THE
REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS ON 1 JUNE THAT IT HAD MOVED OUT ACCORDING TO PLAN AND
REQUESTED IT BE SUPPLIED WITH TWO 122-MM ROCKETS AND 100 HAND GRENADES. ON 1
JUNE, AN ELEMENT OF THE NVA 304TH DIVISION STATED THAT WHEN ALLIED HELICOPTERS
BEGAN LANDING AT BONG KHO (UNLOCATED), HE WENT OUT TO FIRE ON THEM. NO RESULTS
WERE REPORTED. OTHER DIVISION ELEMENTS ON 2 JUNE CONTINUED TO REPORT RESULTS OF
THEIR RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITY. ONE ELEMENT STATED THAT ALLIED FORCES WERE
LOCATED AT HILL 826 (YD 010409, 16-37N 106-53E) AND POSSIBLY AT HILL 842 (YD
020400, 16-37N 106-53E); A SUBORDINATE WAS INSTRUCTED TO PAY ATTENTION TO AREAS
NORTH AND SOUTH OF TA RI (XD 876354, 16-35N 106-45E). IN ADDITION, ONE ELEMENT
HAD DIRECTED TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY IF THE ALLIES WITHREW TO TA LAU (UNLOCATED)
OR KHE DONG (PROBABLY KHE DONG CHE, A STREAM ORIGINATING AT XD 997445, 16-39N
106-52E). AN UNIDENTIFIED SUBORDINATE (E2072) OF THE POSSIBLE HQ, #3351ST
ARTILLERY COMMAND HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE POSSIBLE HQ, 38TH ARTILLERY
REGIMENT (M5510). THIS ENTITY WAS LOCATED ON 29 MAY AT YD 027821 (17-00N
106-53E). ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 2. MILITARY REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE THE HQ, 832D
ARTILLERY BATTALION, GROUP 5 REAPPEARED IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH HQ, GROUP 5 AND
A GROUP ASSOCIATE (07330) ON 20 AND 22 MAY, RESPECTIVELY FOR THE FIRST TIME
SINCE 13 AND 11 MAY. THE HQ, 832D ARTILLERY BATTALION WAS MOST RECENTLY LOCATED
ON 21 MAY IN SOUTHERN THUA THIEN PROVINCE AT YC 729886 (16-09N 107-33E). 63 THE
HQ, NVA 7TH FRONT HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN SPORADIC COMMUNICATIONS WITH HQ, MR
TRI-THIEN-HUE REAR SERVICES AUTHORITY SINCE 8 MAY. THESE COMMUNICATIONS HAD NOT

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BEEN OBSERVED SINCE LATE MARCH. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 3. MILITARY REGION 5 ALTHOUGH COMMUNIST FORCES IN QUANG NAM, QUANG NGAI AND PLEIKU PROVINCES ARE ISSUING AFTER ACTION REPORTS, CONTINUED ATTACKS ARE PLANNED. IN QUANG NAM ON 1 JUNE, T A VC 2D INFANTRY BATTALION REPORTED THAT ON 30 MAY IT HAD SEIZED A PORTION OF THE HIEU NHON DISTRICT SEAT (BT 164575, 15-52N 108-21E) AND HAD THEN WITHDRAWN TO CAN THANH (BT 1856, 15-52N 108-22E). THE VC 1ST INFANTRY BATTALION REPORTED ALSO ON 1 JUNE THAT ON 30 MAY IT HAD STRUCK NORTH OF THE MONG BRIDGE (BT 083556, 15-52N 108-16E), AND HAD THEN WITHDRAWN TO DIEN THANH (BT 1057, 15-52N 108-17E). IN THE QUE SON MOUNTAINS AREA, 1 JUNE AN ELEMENT OF FRONT WAS INSTRUCTED TO STRIKE TARGET 1000 (POSSIBLY BT 033510, 15-49N 108-14E). ANOTHER ELEMENT WAS ORDERED TO ATTACK AND DESTROY ALLIED M-113 ARMORED VEHICLES WHICH WERE OPERATING BETWEEN XULEN KIEU (BT 0451, 15-49N 108-15E) AND XUYEN TROUNG (BT 0150, 15-49N 108-14E). FARTHER SOUTH, UNITS SUBORDINATE TO THE QUANG NGAI PROVINCIAL UNIT ARE REPORTING SMALL SKIRMISHES. IN A 30 MAY AFTER-ACTION REPORT, AN 81ST SAPPER COMPANY STATED THAT IT HAD ATTACKED A BRIDGE NEAR QUANG NGAI CITY ON 26 MAY. ALSO ON THE 30TH THE PROVINCIAL UNIT INSTRUCTED THE 506A AND 506B SAPPER COMPANIES TO REPORT THE RESULTS OF THEIR ACTIONS AND THEN CAUTIONED THE TWO UNITS TO ACQUIRE SUPPLIES AND AMMUNITION IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED FOR CONTINUOUS ACTIVITY. IN THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS, ELEMENTS OF THE VC 2D BATTALION, GIA L PROVINCIAL UNIT CONTINUED AS OF 1 JUNE TO REPORT HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AMBUSHES CONDUCTED ON 28 MAY IN NORTHEASTERN PLEIKU PROVINCE. ALLIED FORCES, HOWEVER, HAD PLANTED SENSORS AND HAD CONCENTRATED TANKS AND ARTILLERY IN STRATEGIC PLACES IN ORDER TO HAMPER ANY FURTHER TACTICAL ACTIVITY ACCORDING TO THE BATTALION. (ISHTAR) ON 31 MAY, THE CENTRAL RESEARCH DIRECTORATE (CRD) REQUESTED INFORMATION CONCERNING ALAED ACTIVITY FROM A SUBORDINATE (C0011) PROBABLY LOCATED IN THE DA NANG AREA. THE CRD REQUESTED THAT THE SUBORDINATE INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON THE ENEMY'S SITUATION IN THE CITIES AND IN 1 CORPS FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY. THE SUBORDINATE WAS ALSO TOLD TO DETERMINE TO WHAT EXTENT TROOP STRENGTH HAD BEEN RESTORED IN THE UNITS THAT SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES IN THE SOUTHERN LAOS CAMPAIGN, AND WHEN THESE UNITS WOULD BE CAPABLE OF CO BAT. (3/00/VCI/T26-71, 011813Z; 2/55/VCM/T2338-71, 011203Z; T2348-71, 012012Z; T2353-71, 010037Z) ~~(TOP SECRET UMBRA ISHTAR)~~ XXHH 900 03248 NNNN

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