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DEUANE DISSIDENT NEUTRALIST (DN) COMMUNICATIONS OF 11 NOVEMBER REVEALED A CONCERN FOR THAT PART OF ROUTE 13 BETWEEN SALA PHOU KHOUN AND LUANG PRABANG. WHILE PREVIOUS DN COMMUNICATIONS HAVE INDICATED A DESIRE TO REPEAT THE SUCCESSES OF THE LAST DRY SEASON WHEN DN AND PATHET LAO (PL) FORCES AIMED THEIR OFFENSIVE SOUTH ALONG ROUTE 13 TOWARD MUONG KASSY, THE DN 48TH BATTALION ADVISED ITS HEADQUARTERS ON 11 NOVEMBER OF THE LOCATIONS OF RLA VOLUNTEER BATTALIONS 12 AND 17, WHICH IT CLAIMED ARE DEPLOYED ALONG ROUTE 13 FROM KIOU KA CHAM (TG 1#64, 19-33N 1#2-14E) NORTH TOWARD THE ROYAL CAPITAL. THE 48TH BATTALION ALSO INFORMED DN COMBAT ZONE (CZ) HQ THAT PART OF THE RLA FORCE AT PHOU NAM CHAO (TG 5661, 19-32N 1#2-41E) HAD WITHDRAW TOWARD THE WEST. THIS RLA FORCE HAD ALREADY BEEN AMBUSHED ONCE BY PL FORCES ACCORDING TO THE 48TH BATTALION, AND DN FORCES WERE ORGANIZING \$TO ANNIHILATE\$ THE RLA. DN SUPPLY PROBLEMS APPEAR TO HAVE LESSENED. DN CZ HQ, 4 KM WEST OF BAN NAM CHAT (TG 6155, 19-29N 1#2-43E), ADVISED A SUBORDINATE THAT SUPPLIES AND RATIONS WERE AVAILABLE BUT WERE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF MUONG SOUI. TRANSPORTATION OF THE SUPPLIES REMAINS A PROBLEM AS DN CZ HQ ADVISED THAT \$EACH DAY PEOPLE HAVE AVOIDED HELPING US\$ SOUTH OF THE PLAINE DES JARRES IN THE KHANG KHO AREA (UG #524, 19-12N 1#3-#8E) THE NVA ARE CONCERNED OVER THE MOVEMENT OF A PRO-GOVERNMENT UNIT TOWARDS HIGH POINT (HP) 16#8 (UG #424, 19-12N 1#3-#8E). ON 11 NOVEMBER THE 3D BATTALION, NVA 335TH INDEPENDENT REGIMENT INFORMED PROBABLY THE 13TH COMPANY OF THE REGIMENT'S 4TH BATTALION THAT ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM \$HIGHER-UPS\$ A THAI COMMANDO BATTALION IS MOVING TOWARD HP 16#8. ACCORDING TO THE 3D BATTALION, RAIN HAS PRECLUDED AIR COVER FOR THE THAI'S AND HAS FORCED THEM TO TEMPORARILY STOP THEIR ADVANCEMENT, HOWEVER, THE COMMANDO BATTALION STILL HAS THE ABILITY TO OCCUPY THE HIGH POINT. CONSEQUENTLY, THE 13TH COMPANY WAS INSTRUCTED TO INCREASE ITS OBSERVATION AND AMBUSH THE \$ENEMY FROM A DISTANCE.\$ OTHER 335TH REGIMENTAL UNITS, MEANWHILE, ARE RECEIVING RATIONS AND RICE TO LAST UNTIL 2# NOVEMBER. ON 1# NOVEMBER, ACCORDING TO A SPECIAL SOURCE, AN UNIDENTIFIED NVA AAA ENTITY REPORTED THAT, IN AN UNSPECIFIED AREA, A DOWNED AMERICAN PILOT TRIED TO FIGHT OFF THE TROOPS FROM THE 16TH AND 21ST COMPANIES (SUBORDINATION UNKNOWN) WITH HIS M-16 AND PISTOL. THE NVA TROOPS FINALLY HAD TO USE THREE HAND GRENADES TO SUBDUCE THE PILOT. THE REPORT DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER THE PILOT WAS KILLED OR CAPTURED ALIVE; IT DID DISCLOSE THAT THE PLANE WAS BROUGHT DOWN BY A 14.55 MM AAA GUN. (2/G1/VCM/T9966-72, 11#829Z; T996#-72, 1#2254Z; 3/[ ]/LSM/T1524-72, 11#336Z; 2/G1/LSY/T1127-72, 11#42#Z; T1129-72, 111515Z) (~~TOP SECRET UMBRA~~) 2. SOUTHERN LAOS AN UNIDENTIFIED ENEMY \$MIXED

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COMPANY~~S~~ CROSSED THE MEKONG RIVER 25 KM SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF THE GROVE JONES 2 AIRFIELD (VE 2796, 18-03N 104-19E) ON 9 NOVEMBER ACCORDING TO RLA HQ, MILITARY REGION 3. HOWEVER, THE DIRECTION OF THE COMPANY'S MOVEMENT WAS NOT REVEALED. ~~(TOP SECRET UMBRA)~~ IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, THE 20TH ENGINEER COMPANY, NVA 29TH REGIMENT, INFORMED REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS ON 10 NOVEMBER THAT ~~THE~~ ENEMY'S AIR AND GROUND ACTIVITY HAD BLOCKED THE ROAD, PREVENTING ENTRANCE INTO BAN PHONBOK (WD 3842, 16-40N 105-21E). LATER THE SAME DAY THE 29TH REGIMENT REVEALED THAT NVA FORCES REPELLED AN ENEMY'S ATTACK ON DONG HENE. THE ENEMY'S REPORTEDLY PLANS TO CAPTURE THE AREA FROM DONG HENE, BAN CHEAMONG TAI (WD 3541, 16-39N 105-20E), AND BAN PHONBOK TO MUANG PHALANE. XXIII 900 48964 NNNH

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