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SUMMARY OF VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN THE DRV, MILITARY REGION TRI THIEN HUE AND LAOS WHICH HAS BECOME AVAILABLE DURING THE PERIOD 281[illegible]-29[illegible]959Z APRIL 1968.
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I. HIGHLIGHTS THREE NEW MILITARY GROUPS AND ADVERSE CONDITIONS FOR RAVN FORCES IN THE A SHAU VALLEY NOTED IN READ SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS (SECT II. PARA B.) ND RAVN HIGH COMMAND OBSERVED IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE HUE MUNICIPAL UNIT (SCT II. PARA D.)
II. SUMMARY:
A. RAVN ACTIVITY -- DMZ AREA:
1. 3 4TH DIVISION: ON 27 APRIL, AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE 3[illegible]RTH DIVISION REPORTED ON A THREE-PRONGED ATTOCK. TWO PRONGS WERE TO ATTOCK FROM THE SOUTHEAST AND THE OTHER FROM THE NORTHEAST. CIWMM AND 6[illegible]MM MORTARS AND 5[illegible] CALIBER HEAVY MACHINE GUSN WERE TO BE USED IN THE ATTACK. (2/G11/VCM/T3665-68)
2. 32[illegible]TH DIVISION: ON 29 APRIL, THE POSSIBLE HQ, 32[illegible]TH DIVISIIN WAS TWICE LOCATED BY SIGINT. BOTH LOCATIONS OBTAINED PLACES THE POSSIBLE HEADQUARTERS NORTH OF THE DMZ NREAR 17-[illegible] 1[illegible]6-58E (YD 111 945) AND 17-[illegible]2N 1[illegible]7- 2E (YD 179 879). ALTHOUGH INCONCLUSIVE, THE LOCATIONSHOF 29 APRIL TEND TO NEGATE THE REPORTED RELOCATION OF THIS ENTITY ON 28 APRIL NEAR 16-46N 1[illegible]6-57E (YD [illegible]92 56[illegible]).
(TACREP NR 1[illegible]27-68 PASEP GOLF ELEVEN/OTEL 29[illegible]92[illegible]Z)
3. 325C DIVISION:N 27 APRIL, HQ, 95C REGIMENT WAS OBSERVED IN AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO COMMUNICATE WITH RAVN HIGH COMMAND (PHC) ON A PHC FACILITY SERVING MAJOR HEADQUARTERS/FONTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND LAOS. THIS IS THE INTIIAL OVSRVANCE OF HQ, 95C REGIMENT ATTEMPTING TO COMMUNICATE WITH PHC, ULTHOUGH PHC WAS NTED IN UNSUCCESSFU ATTEMPTS T
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4. 27TH INDEPENTDENT BATTALION% ON 28 APRIL INSTRUCTIONS WERE ISSUED TO TE 5 COMPANY TO STOP AT NAM DUONG (16-53NN176-59E,CD 13[illegible] 695) TO CARRY OUT SPECIFIC MISSIONS. THE 5TH COMPAN, ALONG WITH THE LOCALL FORCES, IS TO =ENCIRCLE= AND THE POSSIBLE MAIN FORCES ARE TO ANNIHILATE POSSIBLY ALLIED LOCAL FORCES AND DESTROY =THE NEWLY CONCENTRATED AREA=. THIS COORDINATED PAVN FORCE IS TO INITIATE ATACKS ALONG CONNO LIAISON ROUTE 9FROM TAN LANG (16-48N 177-33E, YD 19[illegible] 5[illegible]8) CAM LO (16-48 177-33E, YD 14[illegible] 6[illegible]).NOHESE ATTACKS WERE TO COMMENCE IMEDIATELY.
ON THE MORNING OF 28 APRIL , AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT OF THE BATTALION REPORTED THAT THE 5THE COMAPNY WAS EXPOSED AT T-27 (LOCATED) AND THAT THE SAPPER UNIT HAD BEEN AMBUSHED BECAUSE THE 7TH CO PANY HAD NOT PROPERLY CLEARED THE ROAD FOR RICE TRANSPORTATION. APPARENTLY THIS ROUTE WOULD NOT BE FURTHER UTILIZED. (2/VCOXVCM/T3647-68 AND T3648-68; TACREP NR 1325-68 PASER GOLF ELEVEN/VOTE L 281337Z)
5.MUANG BINH PRO INICIAL UNIT (OBPU)% THE 8TH COMPANY REPORTED THAT ON=SUNDAY NIGHT= (PROBABLY 28 APRIL) THE UNIT WILL HOLD A PARTY CAUCUS. THIS MESSAGE FURTHER STATED THA T 12.7VM HEAVY MACHINE GUNS HAD BEEN HIDDEN, THA T THE UNIT HAD RECEIVED HAND GRENADES AND THAT A VEHICLE TO TRANSPORT AN UNIDENTIFIED MILITIA UNIT TO AN UNDISCLOSED AREA WAS NEEDED. (2/G11/VCM/T3625-68)6. UNIDENTIFIED ARTILLERY ASSOCIATED REGIMENT% ON 28

APRIL, AN UNIDENTIFIED SECOND COMPANY REPORTED A NUMBER OF COMRADES ILL. ALSO REPORTED WAS THE DISCOVERY OF SEVERAL MEN WHO HAD DESERTED/OR WERE PLANNING TO DESERT COMRADES BY AND GACH WERE CAPTURED AND WERE BEING SENT TO BATTALION. THE FORMER INDIVIDUAL WAS ALLEDGEDLY =CRAZY=. (2/G11/VCM/3636-68 AND T3643-68)
7. UNIDENTIFIED%ON 26 APRIL, A POSSIBLE UNIDENTIFIED REGIMENT INSTRUCTED AN UNIDENTIFIED SUBORDINATE TO DIG FORTIFICATIONS AND REPORT ON THE ALLIED FORCES IN AN U DISCLOSED AREA. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS , THE CADRE WERE TO FORMULATE A COMBAT PLAN AND AWAIT ORDERS FROM THE REGIMENT. (2/G11/VCM/T3642-68)
8. REAR SERVICES% ON 27 APRIL, TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED REAR SERVICES ELEMENTS REFLECTED THE DISPOSITION OF A DOWNDED AMERICAN AIRCRAFT,VVOSSIBLE VEMCLE MOVEMENT, AND THE PRESENCE OF 1[illegible]-2[illegible]RSONNEL AT AN AREA DESIGNATED =89= POSSIBLY NEAR A KILOMETER MARKER 34 (UKLOCATED).
THE COMMUNICATIONS REVEALED A LIST OF EQUIPMENT REPORTEDLY REMOVED FROM THE CRASHED AIRCRAFT OF A =LT .COL SAFFELL=. A PRIOR MESSAGE INDICATED THAT THE PILOT WAS PICKED UP BY A HELICOPTER.
THE COMMUNICATIONS ALSO REVEALED THAT ON THE NIGHT OF 27 APRIL THE =HORSERS= WOULD GO INTO THE =TWO PARALLEL ROADS= AND IF THERE WERE NO ENEMY, THEN THE =ELEPHANTS=AND =HORSES=OULD ADVANCE AS USUAL. THESE DESIGNATORS ARE POSSIBLE REFENRENCES TO VEHICLES. SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION INDICATED THAT A TROOP OF ENTERTAINERS WOULD PERFORM FOR 1[illegible]-2[illegible] PERSONNEL ON 28 AND 29 APRIL AT AN UNLOCATED AREA DESIGNATED=89=.

OTHER REAR SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS INDICATED THE EXISTENCE OF THREE NEW MILITARY GROUPS AND POSSIBLE DELAY IN INFILTRATION OBSERVED IN THE A SHAU VALLEY.

ON 27 APRIL, TWO NEW GROUPS OF INFILTRATING MILITARY PERSONNEL, 1027 AND 4018, WERE REPORTEDLY EN ROUTE TO -16, LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF 18-26NN165-47G (WE 73 39). THE REAR SERVICE MESSAG WHICH CONTAINED THIS INFORMATION ALSO REPORTED THAT GROUP 4019 WAS BOUND FOR BAC DO 945. BAC DO, ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL, IS AN AKA FOR THUA THIEN AND QUANG TRI PROVINCES. 945 IS BELIEVED TO BE POSSIBLY LOCATED WEST OF THE A SHAU,ALONG ROUTE 922 IN LAOS NEXT TO THE XE PONE RIVER. ANOTHER GROUP , 4015, WAS BEING =RETAINED= AT BAC DO 945. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RETAINMENT OF THIS GROUP, A REAR SERVICES MESSAGE

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PASSED ON 28 APRIL INDICATED THAT BOTH WEATHER AND ALLEID FORCES IN THE A SHAU BALLEY HAVE HINDERED THE MOVEMENT OF MEN AND MATERIEL INTO THIS AREA. THE MESSAGE CONTAINED A DIRECTIVE TO MAKE =AN ALL OUT EFFORT= TO CONQUER THE MUDDY ROAD CONDITIONS AND BREAK THROUGH THE =ENEMY=. THE MESSAGE CONTAINED INSTRUCTIONS TO PREPARD DETAILED PALANS FOR TWO PROJECTS, WAS TO BE ACCOMPLOSHED =IN THE FACE OF COMBAT= WITH =NO ALTERNATIVES = AVAILABLE. THESE PROJECTS APPEAR TO BE A COMBINED EFFORT TO OVERCOME ALL OPPOSITION HINDRERING THE MOVEMENT OF MEN AND MATERIEL. THE PAVN FORCES WERE TO CARRY ALONG 12.7MM (ANTI-AIRCRAFT) WEAPONS, PROBABLY AS PROTECTION AGINST ATTACKING AIRCRAFT. ADDITIONALLY, THZ RECIPEINT OF THE MESSAGE WAS FURTHER DIRECTED NOT TO LET ARTILLERY VEHICLES FALL INTO ALLIED HANDS.HALSO INDICATED WAS THAT THE 4TH ENGINEER BATTALION WAS TO CONTINUE TO REPAIR THE ROAD WITH OTHER UNIDENTIFIEDFORCES. WHEN THE TWO PROJECTS WERE COMPLETED, THE PAVN TROPS WERE TO PULL BACK, KEEPING THE ORIGNATOR OF THE MESSAGE INFORMED OF THE ENEMY SITUATION WHILE ATTEMPTING TO KEEP LANDLINES INTACT.

THE THIRD NEW GROUP, 3 24, WILL ENTER T-3A (UNLOCATED). ON 3 APRIL. THIS GROUP HAD ENTERED T-1D (UNLOCATED).G ON 26 APRIL. REPORTEDLY, THE GROUP WOULK NOT ENTER T-1D ANYMORE. NEITHER THE STRENGTH NOR THE COMMANDER OF THIS GROUP WAS SPECICIED.

STILL OTHER REAR SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS REVEALED THAT, UPON THE COMPLETION OF TRAINING, NEW RECRUITS WOULD BE INTERGRATED INTO THE 743RD BATTALION FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION TO SUBORDINATE COMPANIES. IN A LATER MESSAGE ON 28 APRIL, TWO LOCATIONS FOR = TROOP HEADQUARTERS= OF THE 743 RD BATTALION WERE REVEALED% ONE IN THE BILLAGE OF TIEN TU (WP38N136-47E, WH82 82) AND THE OTHER IN THE VILLAGE OF QUANG TAN

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(21- 4N 1 6-2 E, XJ3931). THE 36THE COMPANY OF THE BATTALION IS AT THE VILLAGE OF PHONG HOA (21-14N 1 5-1 E, WJ97 8), WHILE THE 37TH COMPANY IS IN THE VILLAGE OF CANH (UNLOCATED). THESE NEW LOCATIONS WERE TO GO INTO EFFECT AS OF 1 Z ON 19 APRIL.. REPORTEDLY ON THE EVENING OF 28 APRIL ,N UNIDENT-IFIED REAR SERVICES ELEMENT DISCLISED THAT K-3 (UNLOCATED) RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL 5 CEHICLES LOADED WTIH 3EM ANTI-AIRCRAFT AMMUNITION TRANSPORTED FROM T-1 K(LOCATED BY COLLATERAL AT THE FOOT OF A MOUNTAIN IN THE VICINITY OF 2 -28N 1 6-53E.

FINALLY, AN UNIDENIFIED REAR SERVICES ELEMENT STATED THET ON 22 AND 25 APRIL, THE =FILTHY ENEMY= B-52'S KILLED 28 AND WOUNDED MORE THAT 1 AVN TROOPS. (2/B1 /VCM/R619-68, T 3657-68, AND T3639-68%TACREP NR 1 26-68 PASEP GOLF ELEVEN=TEDL 292132Z).

C. MILITARY REGION TRI THIEN - HUE (MR TTH)%

1. ON 28 APRIL AN UNIDENTIFIED ASSOCIATE OF HQ, MR TTH WAS OCATED APPROZIMATEDLY FIVE KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF HUE NEAR 16-31N 1 7-3 E(YD 69 283).THIS REPRESENTS A RELOCA TION OF APPRIXIMATELY 16 KILOMETERS IN A NRTHEASTERLY DIRECTION FROM ITS 25 APRIL LOCATION NEAR 16-23N 1 7-27E(YD 638 124). (TACREP NR 1 24-68 PASEP GOLF ELEVEN/HOTEL 281650Z)

2. 8TH REGIMENT% THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS IN-FORMED AN UNIDENTIFIED SUBORDINATE THAT ON 25 APRIL THE 3RD COMPANYY AND A DETACHMENT OF THE 1ST COM-PANY, BOTH FROM THE 8TH BATTALION,ATTAACKED ONE COMPANY OF AMERICANS AT LAC (UNLOCATED), RESULTING IN 4AMERICAN AIREBORNED TROOPS KILLED. REPORTEDLY THE AMERICANS REGROUPED AT NIGHT NEAR THANH LUONG (PROBALLY AN UNIDENTIFIED DESIGNATOR OR POSSIBLY LOCATED AT 16-43NN1 7- 4E, YD 214 6 7).. THE REGIMENT LENT THE PAVN COMPANY SUPPORT BY MORTARING THE AIRFIELD AT TAN LOC (PROBABLSJAN UNIDNEIFIED DESIGNATOR OR POSSIBLY LOCATED NEAR 16-54N 1 7- 2E, YD 7 -26).

THE 1ST COMPANY,H9TH BATTALION DISCLOSED THAT ON THE OMORNING OF 28 APRIL, IT TRANSPORTED RCIE, EXPLOSICES,HAND WEAPONS. (2/G1 /VCM/T3635-68AND T3634-68)

3. 8 3RD REGIMENT% AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE 8 3RD REGIMENT REPORTED ON SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENTS AGAINST AMERICAN FORCES. ALLEDGEDLY, UNIDENTIFIED UNITS H-2,VV-3, AND X-8, IN SEVERAL INCIDENTS ON UNDISCLOSED DATES, DROVE OFF 155 AMERICANS, KILLED MORT THAN 90 AMERICANS, AND CAPTURED NUMEROUS WEAPONS D DOCUMENTS.

ON THE EVENING OF 27 APRIL , ANUNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT REVEALED THAT 4 COMRADES TRANSPORTED 27 82 MM MORTAR ROUNDS, 49 B-4 ROUNDS,V55 B-41 ROUNDS, 368 E CALIBER ROUNDS, 41DIRECTIONAL MINES, AND KILOGRAMS OF TNT. SUPPOSEDLY, THIS SHIPMENT WAS TO 3 TRRNED OVER TO =THE HEADQUARTERS=.

THE TWO UNDIENTIFIED ARTILLERY ELEMENTS, WHICH WREE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN LOCATED NEAR 16-3W, 1 7-29(YD 661 3 2)ND 16-33N 1 7-27E(YD 627 335)IN 28 APRIL, HAVE NOW BEEN IDNTIFIED AS

UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 8?3RD REGIMENT, (2/G11/VCM/EYTEAYI AND T3658-68; 2/G11/VCJ/P119-68)

A. 812TH REGIMENT% THE 5TH BATTALION WAS INSTRUCTED TO BE AT THE REGIMENTAL HEODQUARTERS AT 11 ON 29 APRIL TO RECEIVE PLANS FOR AN UPCOMING =FIERCE BATTLE. (2/G11/VCM/T3629-68)

D. PAVN HIGH COMMAND (EXTERNAL)%ON 28 APRIL A NEW =BROADCAST= SUBSCRIBER AND A NEW =TRAFFIC-PASSING= COBORDINATE APPEARED ON PAVN HIGH COMMAND (PHC) COMMUNICATIONS SERVING UNITS /VERSONNEL INFLITRATING INTO SOUTH VIETNAM CIA THE LAOTAIN PANHANDLE.

ADDITIONALLY, THE HUE MUNICIPAL UNIT (HMU)WAS NOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH PHC ON A FACILITY SERVING MAJOR HEADQUARTERS/FRONTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND LAOS. THIS ISTHE INITIAL SUCCESSFUL CONTACT NOTED BETWEEN THE HMU AND PHC. (2/G11/VCM/R623-68)

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