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[REDACTED] NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

TEXT KXCC ELSEWHERE IN SIEM REAP PROVINCE, AN ESTIMATED 800 ENEMY TROOPS, EQUIPPED WITH SIX TRACTORS AND TWO LAND ROVERS,

ARE LOCATED 35 KM NORTHWEST OF THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL. (2/G1/7123-

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(CEM); 250858Z/ 7197-73 (CEY); 270324Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ B.

AMERICAN PILOT KILLED IN FIGHTER CRASH ON 25 MAY AT 1520

(G), AN AMERICAN PILOT WAS KILLED WHEN HIS FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

CRASHED 5 KM EAST OF SIEM REAP CITY IN MR 4. THE PILOT'S

BODY WAS TAKEN BY AMBULANCE TO SIEM REAP CITY FOR TRANSPORTATION

BY HELICOPTER TO BATTAMBANG CITY. (2/G1/7143-73 (CEY), 251544Z)

~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ VIII. LAOS A. MILITARY SITUATION 1. NORTHERN

LAOS NVA INTEREST IN A GROUP OF VILLAGES LOCATED SOUTHEAST

OF LONG CHENG (TG 8214, 19-06N 102-55E) WAS REVEALED IN

A 25 MAY REPORT. ON THAT DAY, AN UNIDENTIFIED NVA MILITARY

UNIT

ISSUED A DETAILED REPORT CONTAINING THE COORDINATES OF AT

LEAST 14 VILLAGES, ALL OF WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN A 5 KM

RADIUS OF UG 0808 (19-02N 103-13E). THIS NVA UNIT FURTHER

STATED THAT 17 VILLAGES (PROBABLY INCLUDING THE 14 VILLAGES

FOR WHICH COORDINATES ARE LISTED) HAVE A TOTAL OF 92 HOUSES

AND 64 RICE FIELDS. IN ADDITION, AN UNCLEAR REFERENCE WAS

MADE CONCERNING THE =LAOTIANS= LIVING IN THESE VILLAGES,

THEIR FIELDS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS. (2/G1/7145-73 (VCM) 251916Z)

~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 2. SOUTHERN LAOS RLA MILITARY REGION 3 HQ

IN SAVANNAKET REPORTED THAT ELEMENTS OF THE PRO-GOVERNMENT

LAOTIAN NEUTRALIST 18TH INFANTRY BATTALION, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY

30 KM SOUTHWEST OF MUONG PHALANE, WERE ATTACKED BY ENEMY

FORCES ON 25 MAY. THE LATE EVENING ATTACK FORCED THE GOVERNMENT

TROOPS TO ABANDON THEIR POSITIONS. EARLY THE NEXT MORNING,

GOVERNMENT FORCES REGROUPED AND RETOOK THE POSITION BUT

DUE TO HEAVY ENEMY 82-MM MORTAR FIRE WERE AGAIN FORCED TO

WITHDRAW. FORTY-FIVE FRIENDLY FORCES WERE REPORTED MISSING

IN THE ACTION. ENEMY CASUALTIES, ACCORDING TO RLA TALLIES,

WERE 35 WOUNDED OR KILLED. (2/G1/7215-73, 271208Z) ~~(SECRET~~

~~SPOKE)~~ B. CHICOM FORCES LAOS CFL 179TH ENGINEER REGIMENT

PREPARES FOR OPERATIONS AT NEW SITES THE HEADQUARTERS, CHINESE

FORCES LAOS (CFL) 179TH ENGINEER REGIMENT INDICATED ON 17

MAY THAT ITS DEPLOYMENT TO NEW WORK SITES WAS COMPLETED

WHEN IT REPORTED THAT HEAVY ROAD EQUIPMENT WOULD REACH ITS

BATTALIONS BY 20 MAY. THE REGIMENT DISCLOSED THAT ITS ALLOCATION

OF VEHICLES INCLUDED STAKE-BED TRUCKS, DUMP TRUCKS, ROAD

ROLLERS AND BULLDOZERS, WHICH ARE APPARENTLY BEING REDISTRIBUTED

TO THE BATTALIONS FOLLOWING THEIR RELOCATION TO NEW OPERATING

AREAS. BOTH THE 1ST AND 4TH BATTALIONS ARE OPERATING IN

PHONG SALLY PROVINCE. THE 1ST BATTALION'S LOCATION IN PHONG

SALLY PROVINCE WAS REVEALED ON 21 MAY WHEN THE BATTALION

OBTAINED PERMISSION FROM THE REGIMENTAL HEAD-QUARTERS TO

EXAMINE SAND PITS ALONG THE NAM OU, WHICH IS EAST OF PHONG

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SALY (TK 0001, 21-41N 102-06E). THE REGIMENT DIRECTED THE BATTALION TO COLLECT SAMPLES OF SAND AND SEND THEM TO THE REGIMENT FOR ANALYSIS. THE 3DBATTALION HAS APPARENTLY FINISHED ITS MOVE TO THE PHONG SALY AREA [REDACTED]

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