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~~T O P S E C R E T TRINE~~ SECTION FOUR XXMMENP04-TB21018 3/0/[redacted]/R18-68 NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC EM PAVN COMMUNICATIONS IN LAOS AN UNIDENTIFIED SUBORDINATE OF THE PAVN HEADQUARTERS IN THE TCHEPONE AREA OF LAOS WAS LOCATED IN SOUTH VIETNAM ON 20 JANUARY AT 16-42N 106-39E (XD 770470) APPROXIMATELY 13 KM NORTHWEST OF KHE SANH. THIS REPRESENTS AN EASTWARD MOVE OF 73 KM FROM ITS 6 JANUARY LOCATION, IN THE VICINITY OF 16-34N 105-58E (XD 042335). TCHEPONE HEADQUARTERS PASSED AN UNUSUALLY HIGH VOLUME OF MESSAGES TO THIS SUBORDINATE ON 31 DECEMBER. IN ADDITION, THIS SUBORDINATE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN DAILY COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE MAJOR PAVN HEADQUARTERS OF THE SAM NEUA AREA OF LAOS SINCE 1 JANUARY. (2/G11/VCM/R136-68, 202346Z) (~~SECRET SAVIN~~) 4. EVIDENCE OF COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY CONCERNING RESULTS OF AIR ENGAGEMENTS OVER DRV FOUR KORCOM-PILOTED KEP-BASED MIG-17.S ENGAGED TWO FLIGHTS OF HOSTILE AIRCRAFT ON 18 JANUARY, RESULTING IN THE SHOOTDOWN OF AT LEAST ONE F-4, ACCORDING TO SIGINT. DURING THE LANDING OF THE MIG.S AT KEP AIRFIELD AFTER THE ENGAGEMENT, THE PHUC YEN KORCOM CONTROLLER QUERIED HIS COUNTERPART AT KEP CONCERNING THE SHOOTDOWN OF A HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. THE KEP CONTROLLER, ON TWO OCCASIONS, ADVISED THE PHUC YEN CONTROLLER THAT THIS MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED OVER LANDLINE FACILITIES. HERETOFORE, DRV CONTROLLERS HAVE EXPRESSED NO HESITATION TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF AIR ENGAGEMENTS OVER TACTICAL VOICE FACILITIES. OPERATIONAL REPORTS INDICATE AN F-4D WAS DOWNED DURING THE TIME PERIOD OF THE ABOVE ACTIVITY. ONE MIG KILL WAS ALSO RE- PORTED BY U.S. PILOTS. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO SIGINT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS CLAIM. (2/[redacted]/VCK/R010-68, 182335Z. 3/[redacted]CCVCA-E/R019-68, 191658Z) (~~SECRET SAVIN~~) B. CHICOM FORCES 1. CCAF 105TH AAA DIVISION REPLACED IN LANG SON AREA THE CCAF 105TH AAA DIVISION WAS REPLACED IN THE LANG SON AREA OF NORTH VIETNAM BY THE CCAF 111TH AAA DIVISION BY 18 JANUARY, ACCORDING TO SIGINT. THE CCAF 111TH AAA DIVISION APPARENTLY DEPARTED THE NINGMING AREA ON 20 DECEMBER AS IT WAS NOT NOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS FOR THAT AREA SUBSEQUENT TO THAT DATE,. BETWEEN 6 AND 8 JANUARY SIGINT INDICATED THAT AT LEAST SOME ELEMENTS OF THE 111TH HAD ARRIVED IN THE LANG SON AREA AND WERE BEING SERVED BY THE SAME CFNVN COMMUNICATIONS TERMINAL AS THE CCAF 105TH AAA DIVISION. THE 105TH WAS LAST NOTED ACTIVE IN COM- MUNICATIONS SERVING LANG SON EARLY ON THE 18TH. THE 111TH WAS OPERATIONAL AT THIS LOCATION LATER ON THE SAME DAY. THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE 105TH, WHICH HAD BEEN IN THE LANG SON AREA SINCE EARLY JUNE 1967, IS UNKNOWN. (2/[redacted]CCA/C5-68, 190542Z.

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WEST AND SOUTH-WEST OF MUONG SON ON5TH DECEMBER. 19. SINCE THIS DATE, INFORMATION RECEIVED ON THE OPERATION HASBEEN MINIMAL. III DETAILS. FULL DETAILS OF THE REPORT WILL BE FOUND IN THE HARDCOPY VERSION UNDER THE SAME REFERENCE NUMBER.XXHH 63Ø 63Ø NNNN