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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIAN SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC C. AIR/AIR DEFENSE
FORCES 1. DISCUSSION OF U.S. RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS U.S. SR-71 AND DRONE
RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS OVER NORTH VIETNAM WERE DISCUSSED BY A SPEAKER AT A
NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR-RELATED UNIT ON 22 NOVEMBER. THE SPEAKER STATED THAT
SHOOT- DOWNS OF THESE MISSIONS WERE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. THE SPEAKER ALSO
STATED THAT THE ENEMY WAS STILL JAMM ING AND MAINTAINING SURVEILLANCE ALONG THE
COAST LINE, THAT THE U.S. WAS STRENGTHENING ITS RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS, AND
THAT HIS UNIT. S MISSION WAS TO DESTROY THE DRONE. A DRONE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE
BEEN SHOT DOWN. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION REVEALS THAT A D RONE WAS FLOWN OVER
NORTH VIETNAM AND NOT RECOVERED ON 22 NOVEMBER. (2/[redacted]/VCR/R545-68, 27Ø6ØØZ)
~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~ 2. [redacted]
[redacted] (2/H1Ø/[redacted]/R16-68, 28Ø555Z AND
FOLLOW-UPS) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~ 3. PR OBABLE CAPTURE AND TRANSPORT OF U.S. PILOTS TO
HANOI DURING A 26 NOVEMBER CONVERSATION ON NORTH VIETNAM AI R FORCE (NVAF)
AIRFIELD SUPPORT FACILITIES, TWO SPEAKERS REFERRED TO THE CAPTURE AND PROBABLE
AIR TRANSPORT TO HANOI OF TWO U.S. PILOTS WHO HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN OVER NORTH
VIETNAM. ACCORDING TO THE SPEAKERS, ONE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN BY A
MISSILE AND ONE OF THE TWO P ILOTS HAD DIED WHILE THE OTHER HAD BEEN CAPTURED.
THE SPEAKER ALSO STATED THAT ANOTHER AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN AND THAT THE
PILOT HAD BEEN CAPTURED. THE PROBLEM OF TRANSPORTING THE TWO PILOTS TO HANOI
WAS THEN DISCUSSED. THE SPEAKER STATED THAT AN-2 .S WOULD BE USED, BUT HE DID
NOT KNOW HOW MANY BECAUSE IT HAD NOT BEEN DECIDED WHETHER TO BRING THE PILOTS
BACK TOGETHER OR NOT. ONE O F THE PILOTS WAS REPORTED TO BE IN THE QUANG BINH
AREA WHILE THE OTHER WAS IN THE DO LUONG/DIEN CHAU AREA JUST NORTH OF VINH. A
NORTH VIETNAMESE AN-2 TRANSPORT PERFORMED TWO FLIGHTS TO VINH ON 26 NOVEMBER.
THE FIRST FLIGHT WAS FROM BAI THUONG TO VINH AND THEN THE AIRCRAFT FLEW TO PHUC
YEN. THE TRANSPORT RETURNED TO VINH WHERE IT REMAINED ONLY A FEW MINUTES BEFORE
FLYING BACK TO BAI THUON G. (2/H3/VCK/R614-68, 26Ø4Ø7Z AND FOLLON-UPS) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~ III. LAOS A. LAOTIAN MILITARY SITUATION TWO "RED CHI NESE" BATTALIONS,
FORMERLY LOCATED 2 KM NORTHWEST OF MUONG SAI (2Ø-41N 1Ø1-59E, RC 1289) IN MR 1,
REPORTEDLY SEPARATED ON 2Ø NOVEMBER, ONE BATTALION GOING TO AN AREA 37 KM
NORTHEAST OF MUONG HOUN (2Ø-ØØN 1Ø1-27E, QC 5828) AND THE OTHER TO AN AREA 3 KM
SOUTHWEST OF DAN NAM BAC (2Ø-38N 1Ø2-28E, TH 3584). ACCORDING TO THE 26
NOVEMBER RLA MESSAGE, THE INTENTION OF THESE UNITS IS NOT KNOWN. TO THE SOUTH

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IN MR 4, A TOTAL OF 18 COMMUNIST BATTALIONS (12 NVA AND 6 PATHET LAO) WERE REPORTED ACTIVE, AS OF 25 NOVEMBER. EIGHT OF THESE BATTALIONS WERE LOCATED IN THE BAN LAO NGAM (15-28N 106-10E, XC 2610)--SARAVANE (15-43N 106-26E, XC 5338) AREA, WHILE THE REMAINING EI GHT BATTALIONS WERE REPORTEDLY LOCATED TO THE SOUTH OF THAT AREA. ALSO IN MR 4, THE POSITION OF RLA VOLUNTEER BATTALION (BV) 46, LOCATED AT BAN THA TENG (15-26N 106-23E, XC 4906), WAS "HEAVILY ATTACKED" BY ONE COMMUNIST BATTALION ON 26 NOVEMBER. ACCORDING TO RLA REPORTS, THE POSITION REMAINED IN THE HANDS OF BV 46, BUT THE UNIT SUFFERED 11 KILLED AND 42 WOUNDED. COMMUNIST LOSSES WERE REPORTED LY 15 KILLED AND 3 WOUNDED.
(2/[redacted]/LSM/T378-68, 280254Z. 2/[redacted]/LSM/T1373-68, 270422Z. T1374-68, 270526Z.
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