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35B 1142ØØ1 ZKZK PP ORA DE P 242ØØØZ FM DIRNSA TO OSCAR/TANGO ALFA ZEM T ~~O P S E C R E T UMBRA ISHTAR~~ SECTION SEVEN CONTAINS ~~ISHTAR~~ (IN PARAGRAPHS SO MARKED) XXMMENPØ71-TB23Ø4Ø 3/O/[redacted]/R98-7Ø NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC III. NORTH VIETNAM GROUND FORCES MILITARY REGION 3 RIGHT BANK AN ELEMENT (M7838) OF HQ, MILITARY REGION 3 RIGHT BANK (RB) WAS OBSERVED IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH ONE OF THE MR 3 RB SUBORDINATES (M7836) ON 22 APRIL. THIS ELEMENT WAS LAST OBSERVED IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH HQ, MR 3 RB ON 15 APRIL. (3/O/[redacted]/R96-7Ø) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ IV. GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES TO DATE, 7 INFILTRATION GROUPS AND 11 QL-DESIGNATED GROUPS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED THIS MONTH. A. NORTH VIETNAM THE NORTHWARD MOVEMENT OF TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS AND ONE JAPANESE PRISONER WAS NOTED ON 2Ø AND 21 APRIL. WORKCAMP (CT) 1Ø (VICINITY OF CAM XUYEN XF Ø618, 18-15N 1Ø6-ØØE) REVEALED THAT COMMO-LIAISON STATION (T)-19 (XE 3749, 17-37N 1Ø6-17E) HAD TAKEN THESE THREE PRISONERS TO T-12 (XF Ø52Ø, 18-2ØN 1Ø6-ØØE) THAT DAY. THE PRISONERS WERE TO BE DISPATCHED TO T-17 (WF 7461, 18-38N 1Ø5-4ØE) ON THE NEXT DAY. ON 21 APRIL, BINH TRAM (BT) 18 (WF 7164, 18-4ØN 1Ø5-4ØE) WAS INFORMED OF THE TRANSFER OF THESE PRISONERS TO T-17. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ B. LAOS TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY HEAVY RAINS CONTINUE TO BE OBSERVED IN THE BT 34 (XD 6Ø1Ø, 16-22N 1Ø6-3ØE) AREA. ON 22 APRIL, BT 34 DISCLOSED THAT ITS VEHICLES COULD NOT REACH T-44'S (XC 7378, 16-Ø4N 1Ø6-37E) WAREHOUSE BECAUSE OF THE RAIN, AND HAD TO UNLOAD THEIR CARGO NORTH OF THE RIVER. ROUTE 92 FROM KM 86 TO KM 98 WAS COVERED WITH MUD AND A LANDSLIDE HAD HIT KM 92. (2/O/VCJ/R164-7Ø, 232131Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ V. LAOS MILITARY SITUATION NVA ELEMENTS IN THE PLAINE DES JARRES AREA REPORTED ON A B-52 STRIKE, AND CONTINUE TO REVEAL TACTICAL ACTIVITY WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF THE PLAINE. THE RLA REPORTED THAT A COMMUNIST BATTALION WAS DEPLOYED NORTH OF SALA PHOU KHOUN ON 2Ø APRIL. IN THE NORTHEAST, AN NVA MESSAGE CONTAINED THE FIRST SIGINT EVIDENCE THAT ELEMENTS OF THE NGHIA LO (NORTH VIETNAM) PROVINCIAL UNIT HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN LAOS. IN THE PANHANDLE, TTSIBLE ATTACK PREPARATIONS IN SARAVANE PROVINCE. NORTHERN LAOS ON 2Ø APRIL, THE COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL LAOTIAN ARMY (RLA) 17TH VOLUNTEER BATTALION REPORTED THAT A PATHET LAO (PL)/NVA BATTALION, SPLIT INTO TWO COLUMNS, WAS LOCATED 28 KM NORTH AND 35 KM NORTH NORTHEAST OF SALA PHOU KHOUN (TG 3Ø51, 19-27N 1Ø2-26E). ON 22 APRIL, THE RLA COMMANDER IN CHIEF ORDERED THE NEWLY FORMED RLA 2Ø4TH COMMANDO BATTALION TO BE SENT TO VIENTIANE, APPARENTLY AS A RESERVE FORCE. IN COMMUNIST COMMUNICATIONS OF 23 APRIL, AN UNIDENTIFIED NVA ELEMENT REPORTED A B-52 STRIKE ON THE PLAINE DES JAREES. IT WAS ALSO STATED THAT THE ELEMENT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH $DIVISION$ ON 22 APRIL, AND THAT B-52'S HAD STRUCK IN THE BAN TON (UG Ø643, 19-Ø3N 1Ø3-3ØE) AREA $LAST NIGHT.$ SOUTHWEST OF THE PLAINE DES JARRES, ON 2Ø APRIL, AN UNIDENTI- FIED ELEMENT REPORTED THAT IT HAD TELEPHONED THE

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BATTALION AND PROBABLY THAT ALL POSITIONS WERE $READY TO FIGHT.$ IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED THAT A SUBORDINATE HAD SENT SUPPLIES TO THE $165TH REGIMENT.$ ON 21 APRIL, THE 6TH BATTALION (OF UNKNOWN SUBORDINATION) WAS INFORMED THAT THE $UNIT$ WAS TO BRING 20 KG OF TNT TO THE $REGIMENT'S WAREHOUSE$ WHEN THEY MOVED. NVA COMMUNICATIONS OF 19 APRIL DISCLOSED THE PRESENCE OF A UNIDENTIFIED 3D COMPANY IN THE VICINITY OF HONG SINH (TG 698385, 19-19N 102-47E) AND RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF BAN KHANG (TG 8264, 19-33N 102-56E). ALSO IN THE MUONG SOUI AREA, AN UNIDENTIFIED 2D COMPANY WAS REPORTEDLY EXTENDING ITS $TRAINING AREA$ FROM PHU SANG HAO (PROBABLY PHOU SANG AO, TG 7953, 19-27N 102-54E) THROUGH NAM BAN LUANG (PROBABLY NA LOUANG, TG 8155, 19-28N 102-55E) TO BAN SY ON (PROBABLY BAN XOU, TG 833558, 19-28N 102-57E). THE MESSAGE FURTHER DISCLOSED THAT $REGIMENT SAPPERS$ MIGHT RETURN TO BAN KHONG (TG 9245, 19-23N 102-02E) ON 23 APRIL TO RECEIVE PERSONNEL. XXHH 900 NNNN