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ENPO3FF127Ø21 2/F1/VCJ/RØ97-71 RPT 2/F1/VCJ/RØ97-71 SUMMARY OF VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN THE DMZ, DRV, MILITARY REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE, AND LAOS WHICH HAS BECOM AVAILABLE DURING THE PERIOD 261ØØØZ-27Ø959Z FEBRUARY 1971.
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XXCC B. NVA 32ØTH DIVISION, 1. 48TH RE8.3,5, ON 27 FEBRUARY, THE HQ, 48TH REGIMENT, NVA 32ØTH DIVISION WAS LOCATED NEAR WD 662 36Ø (16-36N 1Ø5-37E), APPROXIMATELY 1Ø KM NORTHEAST OF SAVANNAKHET (XD 74 3Ø , 16-32N 1Ø6-28E), LAOS. THIS REPRESENTS A RELOCATION OF APPROXIMATELY 11 KILOMETERS FROM THIS ENTITY'S 24 FEBRUARY LOCATION NEAR WD 721 274 (16-31N 1Ø5-4ØE). ALSO ON 27 FEBRUARY, AN UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION (MO984) OF THE 48TH REGIMENT WAS LOCATED AT WD 5Ø6 3Ø6 (16-3ØN 1Ø5-28E), APPROXIMATELY 24 KM NORTHWEST OF THIS ENTITY'S 12 FEBRUARY LOCATION NEAR WD 736 232 (16-29N 1Ø5-41E). THIS PLACES THIS ENTITY 12 KM EAST OF BAN KENG NHAO (WD 38 3Ø, 16-3ØN 1Ø5-21E), LAOS. (TACREP NR 598-71, 599-71 PASEP USM-8Ø8/NOVEMEBER 27Ø935Z, 27Ø946Z) 2. 64TH REGIMENT, COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY OF 26 AND 27 FEBRUARY BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE 64TH REGIMENT, NVA 32ØTH DIVISION CONTINUED TO REFLECT STRIKE ACTIVITY. ON 27 FEBRUARY, A REGIMENTAL ELEMENT WAS INSTRUCTED TO GO TO KM 1Ø6 (XD 525 415, 16-38N 1Ø6-24E) ON ROUTE 16A AND DESTROY AN UNSPECIFIED COMPLEX UTILIZING $FIREPOWER$. ON 26 FEBRUARY, A REPORT ON A STRIKE TO TAKE PLACE $THAT NIGHT$ DISCLOSED THAT THREE PT 76'S (RUSSIAN LIGHT AMPHIBIOUS TANK) AND THREE POSSIBLE RUSSIAN MEDIUM TANKS AND AN UNDISCLOSED 2ND BATTALION MINUS ONE COMPANY WOULD BE EMPLOYED. FINALLY, ON 27 FEBRUAJY, AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT (NO RD) OF THE 6'TH REGIMENT WASSLOCATED AT XD 54Ø 5Ø9 (16-43N 1Ø6-26E), APPROXIMATELY 3Ø KM WEST-NORTHWEST OF KHE SANH COMBAT BASE (XD 824 422, 16-39N 1Ø6-19E). (TACREP NR 595-71 PASEP USM-8Ø8/NOVEMBER 27Ø611Z; USM-645 NR 435-71 AND TACREP NR 126-71) C. NVA 7ØTH FRONT, ON 26 FEBRUARY, THE HQ, NVA 7ØTH FRONT WAS LOCATED AT XD 611 6Ø4 (16-49N 1Ø6-3ØE), REPRESENTING AN APPROXIMATE NINE KM NORTHEASTERLY RELOCATION FROM THIS ENTITY'S 21 FEBRUARY LOCATION NEAR XD 559 549 (16-45N 116-27E). TACREP NR 592-71 PASEP USM-8Ø8/NOVEMBER 261833Z) V. INFILTRATION, ON 26 FEBRUARY, COMBAT RESULTS WERE REVEALED BY BINH TRAM 33 IN A MESSAGE TO ALL UNITS. REPORTEDLY, FROM 5 FEBRUARY TO 25 FEBRUARY 168 AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOWN ON THE WOUTH- ERN LAOS FRONT, SPECIFICALLY AT HIGHPOINT 546 (XD 525 483, 16-42N 1Ø6-26E), WHERE AN ALLEGED 18 HELICOPTERS WERE SHOT DOWN. THE BINH TRAX REPORTED CAPTURING MORE THAN 11Ø ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAS INCLUDING ONE BRIGADE COMMANDER, ONE MAJOR, THREE CAPTAINS, AND THREE FIRST LIEUTENANTS. ALL WEAPONS BELONGING TO THE PRISONERS OF WAR WERE ALSO REPORTED AS BEING CAPTURED. TWO BAT- TALIONS OF THE 3RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE WERE REPORTED AS BEING ANNIHILATED ON 13 AND 25 FEBRUARY. MESSAGE ACTIVITY ON 27 FEBRUARY FURTHER DETAILED THE ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ARVN 3RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE ON 25 FEBRUARY, AS IT WAS

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DISCLOSED THAT COLONEL THO, THE BRIGADE COMMANDER, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 15 OFFICERS WERE REPORTEDLY CAPTURE. IN ADDITION, THE ASSISTANT BATTALION COMMANDER OF THE 2ND BATTALION AND FOUR MAJORS WERE INCLUDED IN THOSE CAPTURED. THE USE OF INCORRECT COORDINATES BY THE 1ST INFANTRY BATTALION WAS DISCLOSED BY BINH TRAM 33 WHEN THE BINH TRAM STATED THAT UNSPECIFIED FIRE WAS STRIKING $CIVILIANS$, AND DIRECTIONS TO FIRE AT NEW COORDINATES (XD 493 329, 16-34N 106-23E) WERE NOTED. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FROM BINH TRAM 33 TO ALL UNITS ON 26 FEBRUARY WARNED OF CHEMICAL ATTACKS. THE BINH TRAM STATED THAT A COMMUNIQUE FROM THE 559TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP ON 19 FEBRUARY REVEALED THAT UNITS OF BINH TRAM 41 WERE ATTACKED BY F-4'S AND A-4'S 19 TIMES. THE BINH TRAM ALSO DISCLOSED THAT THERE WAS AN INCREASED USE OF INCENDIARY BOMBS. CONCEERNING POSSIBLE CHEMICAL ATTACKS, THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS WERE GIVEN, USE FACE CLOTHS, WATER CANTEENS OF WATER-PROOF MATERIAL AND REVIEW THE HEMICAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES RECOMMENDED BY THE MEDICAL PERSONNEL. FOR BURNS THE UNITS WERE INSTRUCTED TO USE ABSORBENT COTTEN ON THE WOUNDS. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN BINH TRAM 41 AND AN UNIDENTIFIED REAR SERVICES ELEMENT ON 26 FEBRUARY REVEALED THE LOCATION OF A STORAGE AREA. RPORTEDLY, B-4, A COVER DESIGNATOR FOR MILITARY REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE, STATED THAT ALLIED UNITS HAVE DISCOVERED A STORAGE AREA, PROBABLY DESIGNATED L-4, AT XD 58 21 (16-28N 106-28E). THE STORAGE AREA WAS REPORTED AS STORING RICE AND EUMM AMMUNITION. XXHH 900 #0249 NNNN

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