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#3226 Ø8Ø2ØØ1 ZNY MMNSH ZKZK PP ORA DE P 212ØØØZ FM DIRNSA TO NSA/TANGO ALFA ZEM ~~T O P S E C R E T UMBRA~~ SECTION FIVE XXMMENPØ5-TB21Ø31 CONTAINS ~~ISHTAR~~ (IN PARAGRAPHS SO MARKED) 3/OO/[redacted]/R69-71 NATIONAL LACURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC ON THE NIGHT OF 2Ø-21 MARCH THE VC/NVA LAUNCHED A 6-1/2 HOUR ATTACK ON CAMBODIAN ELEMENTS LOCATED AT TONLE BATI, LOCATED ABOUT 29 KM SOUTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH. ONE CAMBODIAN WAS KILLED AND FIVE OTHERS WERE WOUNDED DURING THE ATTACK. ON 18 MARCH, 2ØØ VC/NVA WERE CONCENTRATED IN A FOREST APPROXI- MAT R 24 KM EAST OF PHNOM PENH. (2/G1/CEY/T1186-71, 1815Ø1Z; T1195-71, 2ØØ425Z; [redacted]/T462-71, 2Ø11Ø9Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 2. MILITARY REGION 1 RECENT CAMBODIAN COMMUNICATIONS REVEALED THE DOWNING OF A U.S. HELICOPTER. IN KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, ON 2Ø MARCH AN AMERICAN HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN BY VC ELEMENTS APPROXIMATELY 28 KM NORTHEAST OF KOMPONG CHAM CITM M THE TWO PILOTS WERE WOUNDED AND THE HELICOPTER REPORTEDLY WAS BURNED. ON 18 MARCH, THE COMMANDER OF THE MR 1 OPERATIONAL COMMAND POST REQUESTED A BATTALION TO REINFORCE THE AUTONOMOUS INFANTRY REGIMENT, IN ORDER TO ENGAGE $THE 9TH DIVISION IN THE BOS KHNOR REGION$, LOCATED ABOUT 27 KM NORTHWEST OF KOMPONG CHAM CITY. THIS IS A PROBABLE REFERENCE TO THE VC 9TH DIVISION; ØACCORDING TO DIRECTION FINDING OF 16 MARCH, THE HEADQUARTERS AND SUBORDINATE REGIMENTS ARE LOCATED TO THE EAST OF THE MEKONG RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF THE CHUP PLANTATION. IN SVAY RIENG PROVINCE, ELEMENTS OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST LONG AN SUBREGION DISCUSSED COMMUNIST UNIT RELOCATIONS AND ALLIED OPERATIONS AND POSITIONS. ON 18 MARCH, THE SUSPECTED HQ, LONG AN SUBREGION INSTRUCTEF A PERSONALITY AT THE SUSPECTED SUBREGION COMMO-LIAISON STATION TO RETURN AND MEET ELEMENTS THAT WERE MOVING DOWN IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR CMMBAT. THE PERSONALITY WAS TO ARRANGE FOR MESSING AND BILLETING FACILITIES. THE SUBREGION ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE ALLIES HAD DISCOVERED COMMUNIST PREPARATIONS TO STRIKE AN UNDETERMINED ARTILLERY BASE AND WERE TAKING DEFENSIVE PRECAUTIONS. ~~(ISHTAR)~~ Y TER THE SAME DAY, BI AND CHUYEN, INTELLIGENCE ASSO- CIATED PERSONALITIES OPERATING WITH THE 267TH MAIN FORCE INFANTRY BATTALION, REPORTED ON ALLIED SWEEPS SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 1. ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNISTS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE ALLIED SWEEPS IS TO SET UP MONITORING DEVICES. FURTHER, ARVN TASK FORCE (TF) 225 WAS STILL SWEEPING NORTH OF HIGHWAY 1. ON 2Ø MARCH, BI FILED A 2Ø MARCHTSREPORT ON TF 225, THEN STATED THAT HE HAD FINISHED HANDING OVER HIS DUTIES TO CHUYEN AND THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO THE ((MILITARY INTELLIGENCE)) SECTION THE NEXT DAY AS DIRECTED. (ISHTAR) IN OTHER ACTIVITY, ON 19 MARCH THE FORWARD ELEMENT, SUBREGION 1 WAS LOCATED IN PREY VENG PROVINCE AT WT 485781 (11-33N 1Ø5-26E), ABOUT 29 KM WEST-SOUTHWEST OF ITS 15 MARCH POSITION1/ TO THE NORTHEAST ON 19 MARCH THE SUSPECTED HQ, NVA 2Ø9TH REGIMENT WAS LOCATED IN THE KOMPONG CHAM-KRATIE PROVINCE BORDER AREA AT XU 259159 (11-54N 1Ø6-Ø9E), APPROXIMATELY 19 KM WEST-SOUTHWEST OF ITS 1Ø MARCH

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