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THEIR COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES CONTINUE TO REFLECT A STRONG AIR DEFENSE ROLE WITH A STRIKE CAPABILITY AGAINST ENEMY TARGETS. (2/OO/VCK/R92-71, 312Ø3ØZ; R65-71, 1521Ø3Z; 3/OO/[redacted]/R65-71) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 3. MILITARY REGION 5 THE RESULTS OF PHASE 1 ATTACKS, PARTICULARLY THOSE AT DUC DUC/AN HOA, ARE STILL THE MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AMONG FRONT 4 UNITS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE. THE FRONT'S COMMUNICATIONS SHOW AN INCREASING CONCERN WITH THE ALLIED REACTION TO THESE ATTACKS. THE LOCATIONS OF TWO BATTALIONS OF THE NVA 38TH REGIMENT WHICH TOOK PART IN THE ATTACKS HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED BY ARVN FORCES ACCORDING TO TEAM 1, COMINT UNIT 5Ø8. THE MESSAGE CONTENDED THAT THE ARVN 51ST REGIMENT AND SOUTH KOREAN FORCES WERE BEING RUSHED TO THE DIEN BAN-DUY XUYEN-DAI LOC DISTRICT BORDER AREA, EVIDENTLY TO COUNTER THE COMMUNIST TROOPS. ALSO IN THE DUC DUC/AN HOA AREA, FRONT 4 COMMUNICATIONS CLAIM THAT THREE ARVN COMPANIES MAY BE POSITIONED NEAR THANH XUYEN (AT 866477, 15-47N 1Ø8-Ø4E) OR ALONG THE ROAD BETWEEN AN HOA (COMBAT BASE, AT 878478, 15-47N 1Ø8-Ø5E) AND PHUONG RANG (AT 8544, 15-45N 1Ø8-Ø5E). COMMUNIST ELEMENTS INTEND TO ATTACK THIS FORCE EN MASSE WHEN THEY LAND. IN HOA VANG DISTRICT, COMMUNIST ELEMENTS HAVE REPORTED THAT SEVERAL BIVOUAC AND MESSING AREAS HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED BY AMERICAN AND ARVN SWEEPS IN MAN QUANG (BT Ø32689, 15-58N 1Ø8-13E), THI AN (BT Ø3Ø669, 15-58N 1Ø8-14E) AND AN LUU (BT Ø36678, 15-58N 1Ø8-14E). ON THE WHOLE, HOWEVER, HIGH-LEVEL CADRE OF FRONT 4 APPEAR SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF THEIR ATTACKS. THE VC 89TH SAPPER BATTALION HAS REPORTED $OPENING FIRE WELL$ AND DOMINATING THE AREAS OF QUA GIAN (BT Ø1Ø66Ø, 15-57N 1Ø8-12E), TAN THO, AND THE BA XA MARKET (BOTH UNLOCATED); WHILE IN HOA VANG DISTRICT, PLANS FOR POSSIBLE RESUPPLY AND REINFORCEMENT TO SUSTAIN THE CURRENT COMBAT PHASE ARE BEING DISCUSSED. FINALLY, A MESSAGE TO ALL FRONT 4 STATIONS HAD DISCLOSED THAT $THE FRONT'S RECEIVING STATION FOR PRISONERS OF WAR$ IS NEAR DOC GIO (ZC Ø57415, 15-44N 1Ø7-51E). XXHH 9ØØ #3Ø42 NNNN