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ENF01FTB23051 2/00/VCJ/R262-71 AVN,ALS,AVS/HIGH-G=H,MTRL-Y/I,B,Z: DAILY GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES SUMMARY NUMBER 143, 23 MAY 1971
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THIS REPORT PROVIDES A DAILY RECAPITULATION OF ACTIVITY NOTED IN THE COMMUNICATIONS SERVING THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES (GDRS) TO INCLUDE INFILTRATION AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION WITHIN NORTH VIETNAM AND ADJACENT AREAS, AND IS BASED UPON SIGINT (EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE INDICATED) MADE AVAILABLE TO NSA DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS. FOR LOCATIONS OF NVA GDRS FACILITIES, SEE 2/00/VCJ/R06-71. I. HIGHLIGHTS A. INITIAL REFERENCE TO SPECIAL PURPOSE GROUP K224 (II, A, 1). B. FURTHER REFERENCES TO GROUPS 2297, 3076, K133, 3075, QL408B, 2289, AND 3077 (II, A, 1). C. SEARCH CONTINUES FOR DOWNED OV-10 PILOT (II, B, 1). D. REFERENCE TO THE 643D REGIMENT IN BT 42 AREA (II, B, 2). TO DATE, 16 INFILTRATION GROUPS (SIX BATTALION-SIZED) AND 22 SPECIAL-PURPOSE GROUPS HAVE BEEN NOTED IN GDRS COMMUNICA- TIONS. II. LAOS A. MANPOWER 1. THE INITIAL REFERENCE TO SPECIAL PURPOSE GROUP K224, A REFERENCE TO GROUP 4171B, AND FURTHER REFERENCES TO GROUPS 2297, 3076, K133, 3075, QL408B, 2289, AND 3077 WERE CONTAINED IN A 20 MAY PERSONNEL REPORT FROM POSSIBLY THE 9TH COMMO-LIAISON BATTALION. DISPATCHED, GROUP STRENGTH DESTINATION 3076 1 PERSON B3 K133 1 PERSON B1 3075 148 B3 K224 2 PEOPLE 559TH TG 4 PEOPLE REMAINING, 1675 AT T12; GROUP STRENGTH 2297 374 3076 1 PERSON 3075 4 PEOPLE BT 44 1 PERSON K133 1 PERSON AT T13; 10TH REGT 1 PERSON AT T31; QL408B 27 2289 510 AT T32; 3076 279 559TH TG 2 PEOPLE BT 34 6 PEOPLE 4171B 1 PERSON GROUP 4171B IS PROBABLY THE SAME AS GROUP 41X1B, FIRST NOTED IN THE BT 32 AREA ON 17 MAY. GROUP 4171B WILL BE ADDED TO THE MAY TOTALS AS A SPECIAL PURPOSE GROUP. UNIDENTIFIED CULTURAL GROUP 20 PEOPLE 3077 440 UNIDENTIFIED 33 PEOPLE BT 34 1 PERSON 559TH TG 20 NORTHWARD- MOVING PERSONNEL, RECEIVED - 109 PEOPLE 36 WOUNDED 6 STRETCHER CASES 31 SICK 21 ON MISSIONS 2 WOMEN 13 OF THE TRUONG SON CULTURAL GROUP WITH THREE WOMEN. (2[redacted]/VCJ/T2566-71, 210435Z) 2. A PERSONNEL REPORT FOR 19 MAY FROM PROBABLY THE 12TH COMMON-LIAISON BATTALION CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL DISPOSITIONS, FROM T250 - 14 PERSONS INCLUDING ONE STRETCHER CASE FROM T60 - 4 PEOPLE SENT TO T61 - 29 PERSONS, 16 STRETCHER CASES AND 2 YOUNG GIRLS SENT TO T62 - 6 PERSONS RECEIVED AT T63 - 16 PEOPLE B. GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS 1. FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE AMERICAN OV-10 PILOT WAS CONTAINED IN A 22 MAY MESSAGE FROM THE COMBAT OPERATIONS SECTION, BT 33. AT 0600(G), POSSIBLY ON 21 MAY, AN OV-10 REPORTEDLY USED A LOUDSPEAKER AND

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ENGLISH TO CONTACT THE PILOT BY SECRET MEANS IN AREAS 1 AND 2. AS A RESULT, BT 33 REPORTEDLY HAD SENT OUT THREE SEARCH TEAMS TOWARD THE K8 ROCK FIELD IN ORDER TO FORM AN AMBUSH. THE SEARCH TEAMS WERE TO CONTINUE IN THE PRE-PLANNED DIRECTIONS. K8 WAS ALSO WARNED TO BE CAREFUL OF ENEMY STRAFINGS. IN A LATER MESSAGE ON THE SAME DAY, PROBABLY BT 33 REVEALED THAT THE OV-10 PILOT WAS STILL IN THE AREA. (2/E1/VCJ0T3570-71, 221223Z) 2. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF OPERATION LAM SON-720, REFERENCES TO A UNIT 643 HAVE BEEN NOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BT 42 AREA. SIGINT OF 21 MAY HAS NOW IDENTIFIED THIS UNIT AS THE 643D REGIMENT. ON THAT DAY THE 37TH ENGINEER BATTALION INSTRUCTED PROBABLY ONE OF ITS COMPANIES TO GO BACK TO THE 643D REGIMENT. A COMPANY 643 WAS OBSERVED IN THE BT 42 AREA IN EARLY 1968. AT THAT TIME, IT AND SEERAL OTHER UNITS WERE ENGAGED IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF ROUTE 547, FROM A SHAU TO HENE. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THIS UNIT HAS BEEN UPGRADED TO REGIMENTAL ECHELON. XXHH 900 #3617 NNNN

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