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TEXT XXCC [redacted] COMMUNICATIONS REVEAL A RISE IN THE PRICES OF MERCHANDISE IN BATTAMBANG MARKETS DURING JUNE. A SACK OF RICE WHICH COST 400 RIELS (APPROXIMATELY @7 U.S.) IN MARCH AND 550 RIELS (APPROXIMATELY @10 U.S.) IN MAY, NOW REPORTEDLY COSTS 1,100 RIELS (APPROXIMATELY @20 U.S.). ACCORDING TO [redacted] AN OFFICIALLY ORDERED REDUCTION IN PRICES HAS BEEN FRUITLESS, AND THE LACK OF COMMENSURATE INCREASES IN PAY SCALES FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND THE EMPLOYEES OF VARIOUS COMPANIES HAS RESULTED IN WIDESPREAD HARDSHIP. CAMBODIAN COMMUNICATIONS OF 22 JUNE DISCLOSED THE PRESENCE OF 600 ENEMY, WITH SIX 82-MM MORTARS AND FIVE 75-MM RECOILESS CANNONS, IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 10 KM EAST OF ROMEAS. COMBAT ACTIVITY WAS REFLECTED IN A CAMBODIAN REPORT WHICH INDICATED THAT A FANK SECURITY PATROL KILLED ONE ENEMY AND ARRESTED ANOTHER DURING A 27 JUNE SKIRMISH NEAR NATIONAL ROUTE 5, APPROXIMATELY 10 KM WEST OF PURSAT CITY. (3/OO/[redacted]R147-71; 2/G1/CEY/R108-71, 220900Z; T2514-71, 281725Z, T2520-71, 290130Z; 2/[redacted]T869-71, 281057Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 5. MILITARY REGION 4 SIGINT CONTINUES TO REFLECT ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF CHONG KAL. ACCORDING TO [redacted] MESSAGE OF 26 JUNE, TWO GROUPS OF APPROXIMATELY 500 ENEMY ARE LOCATED 7 AND 11 KM SOUTH-WEST OF CHONG KAL NEAR THE STUNG SRENG STREAM. PREVIOUS CAMBODIAN COMMUNICATIONS HAD REVEALED AN ENEMY BUILDUP IN THIS AREA AND REPORTED ENEMY INTENTIONS TO ATTACK CHONG KAL. (3/OO/[redacted]R153-71; 2/[redacted]T868-71, 281057Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ B. U.S. AMBASSADOR TO VISIT KOMPONG SPEU A CAMBODIAN OFFICIAL AT KOMPONG SPEU REPORTED ON 28 JUNE THAT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT MR 2 HEADQUARTERS AT KOMPONG SPEU CITY AND THE NATIONAL CAMBODIAN NAVY (POSSIBLY REFERRING TO THE NAVAL BASE AT REAM). DATES FOR THE VISITS WERE NOT REVEALED. PREVIOUS CAMBODIAN COMMUNICATIONS RECENTLY DISCLOSED THAT EMORY SWANK, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN PHNOM PENH, HAD PLANNED TO VISIT TWO AREAS IN MR 1 ON 28 JUNE AND A SITE NORTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH THE FOLLOWING DAY. (3/OO/[redacted]R151-71; R152-71; 2/G1/CEY/T2515-71, 281905Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ C. SEARCH FOR U.S. PILOTS IN PREY VENG PROVINCE ON 28 JUNE A CAMBODIAN SEARCH TEAM WAS EXPLORING AN AREA 5 TO 10 KM EAST OF BANAM VILLAGE IN AN EFFORT TO RESCUE THE AMERICAN PILOTS OF A T-28 AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS DAMAGED ON THE NIGHT OF 27 JUNE, ACCORDING TO CAMBODIAN COMMUNICATIONS OF THE 29TH. (2/G1/CEY/R110-71, 290705Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ III. LAOS MILITARY SITUATION ROYAL LAOTIAN ARMY (RLA) COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED COMMUNIST MILITARY ACIVITY IN THE BOUAM LONG AREA, WHILE IN THE EASTERN REGION OF THE PLAINE DES JARRES, ASSOCIATES OF THE NVA 165TH REGIMENT

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EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT RECENT =ENEMY= AIR AND GROUND OPERATIONS NEAR THE JUNCTION OF ROUTES 4 AND 5. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, AN UNIDENTIFIED SUBORDINATE OF THE NVA 316TH DIVISION HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS THE DETACHED ELEMENT OF THE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AND THE HQ, NVA 866TH INDEPENDENT REGIMENT RELOCATED IN PROXIMITY TO BAN HON. IN THE PANHANDLE, THE RLA REPORTS THAT PRO-GOVERNMENT GUERRILLA FORCES OPERATING ON THE BOLOVENS PLATEAU ARE ENCOUNTERING COMMUNIST RESISTANCE. A PREVIOUSLY UNIDENTIFIED SUBORDINATE OF THE NVA 565TH GROUP HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE POSSIBLE NVA ADVISORY MISSION TO THE PATHET LAO HQ, BOLOVENS PROVINCE. (SECRET SPOKE)

1. NORTHERN LAOS NORTH OF THE PLAINE DES JARRES, COMMUNIST UNITS BOMBARDED THE BOUAM LONG AIRFIELD WITH 122-MM ROCKETS ON 28 JUNE, ACCORDING TO RLA COMMUNICATIONS. TWO CIVILIANS WERE KILLED AND THREE RLA SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED. DURING THE EARLY MORNING OF 29 JUNE AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY LAUNCHED ATTACKS ON TWO RLA POSITIONS 2 KM SOUTHWEST OF PHOU VIENG, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 20 KM WEST-NORTHWEST OF BOUAM LONG. ONE OF THE RLA POSITIONS FELL INTO COMMUNIST HANDS AND =HEAVY COMBAT= WAS IN PROGRESS AT THE SECOND POSITIONS UNTIL 0730(G) ON 29 JUNE. ALSO, A COMMUNIST UNIT REPORTEDLY BURNED AND COMPLETELY DESTROYED A VILLAGE NEAR BAN NA DIN DENG, 5 KM NORTHEAST OF BOUAM LONG, ON 28 JUNE. XXHH 900

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