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XXMMENP07FTB21051 CONTAINS ~~TSHTAR~~ (IN PARAGRAPHS SO MARKED) 3/00/[redacted]/R122-71
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC A 19 MAY DISPATCH
FROM BT 33 (HQ LOCATED AT XD 3530, 16-33N 106-16E) PROVIDED ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON THE ESCAPED OV-10 PILOT. SEARCH TEAMS CONTINUED TO SEARCH IN THE
VICINITY OF HIGH POINTS 320 (XD 2527, 16-31N 106-11E), 276 (XD 2428 16-29N
106-12E), 510 (XD 2729, 16-31N 106-13E) AND 568 (XD 3127, 16-33N 106-12E). IN
ADDITION, A REPORT HAD BEEN CIRCULATED WHICH STATED THAT THE POW HAD BEEN
CAPUTURED BY LOCAL CIVILIANS NEAR MUONG PHINE (XD 1028, 16-32N 106-02E) AND HAD
BEEN TAKEN $TO THE DISTRICT,$ A POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO MUONG PHINE DISTRICT.
REFERENCES TO MALARIA CONTINUE IN GDRS COMMUNICATIONS EMANATING FROM THE
LAOTIAN PANHANDLE. ON 18 MAY 35 CASES WERE REPORTED IN THE 24TH BATTALION OF
THE 591ST AAA REGIMENT, AND A HEALTH REPORT FOR 18 APRIL-18 MAY FROM THE 26TH
AAA BATTALION OF BT 33 STATED THAT 72 CASES OCCURRED DURING THAT PERIOD. A 26
MAY MESSAGE DISCLOSED THAT 26 PERSONS IN THE 62D TRANSPORTATION BATTALION OF BT
27 (HQ LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF 6571, 16-55N 106-33E) WERE SUFFERING FROM
MALARIA. THE FIRST REFLECTION OF A TRANSPORTATION BATTALION ASSOCIATED WITH BT
38 (HQ LOCATED AT XC 8204, 15-25N 106-42E) WAS CONTAINED IN A 15 MAY MESSAGE
FROM GROUP 470 (HQ LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF YB 152553, 14-57N 106-59E). IN
DISCUSSING VEHICLE MOVEMENTS, GROUP 470 MENTIONED THE 60TH TRANSPORTATION
BATTALION IN ASSOCIATION WITH BT 38. THE 60TH BATTALION HAD NOT BEEN OBSERVED
IN COMMUNICATIONS SINCE JANUARY, WHEN IT WAS SUBORDINATE TO BT 32 (HQ LOCATED
AT WD 9762, 16-50N 105-55E). (2/00/VCJ/R255-71, 202130Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ V.
NORTH VIETNAM GROUND FORCES 1. MILITARY REGION 3 RIGHT BANK ON 10 MAY AN
UNIDENTIFIED SUBORDINATE (M3088) OF HQ, MR 3 RB ATTEMPTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH
THE HQ, 46TH INDEPENDENT INFANTRY REGIMENT. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THESE TWO
ENTITIES WERE LAST NOTED ON 22 FEBRUARY. THE HQ, 46TH INDEPENDENT INFANTRY
REGIMENT WAS LAST OBSERVED IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH HQ, MR 3 RB ON 5 MARCH.
(2/00/VCM/R220-71, 201310Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 2. MILITARY REGION 4 A MINOR NORTH
VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE (NVAF) AIR OPERATION IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN MR 4,
NORTH VIETNAM ON 21 MAY. ACCORDING TO A PRE-FLIGHT WARNING ISSUED BY HQ, GROUP
3, QUANG BINH PROVINCIAL UNIT TO ITS 8TH COMPANY, TWO NVAF AN-2 AIRCRAFT WILL
BE AIRBORNE IN THE AREA FROM LY HOA (XE 6251, 17-38N 106-32E) IN THE GIANH
RIVER AREA OF QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO HA TINH PROVINCE. THE AIRCRAFT WOULD BE IN
FLIGHT FROM 0500 TO 2400(G). THE GROUP HEADQUARTERS CAUTIONED THE 8TH COMPANY
TO WARN OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE FLIGHT, $ESPECIALLY 12.7-MM (HEAVY ANTIAIRCRAFT
MACHINEGUN). A 20 MAY MESSAGE FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT OF THE NGHE AN

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PROVINCIAL UNIT ADDRESSED TO $POLITICAL OFFICER DOAN LA$ (DOANF LA) CONFIRMS HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE NEW POLITICAL OFFICER AT HEADQUARTERS, NGHE AN PU. HIS APPOINTMENT AS A POLITICAL OFFICER WAS REPORTED IN A 15 APRIL MESSAGE SEND BY AN UNIDENTIFIED ASSOCIATE (E1Ø96) OF THE 43D BATTALION, NGHE AN PU THAT CONCERNED A CHANGE OF COMMAND APPARENTLY AT THE PROVINCIAL UNIT HEADQUARTERS. (3/00/[redacted]/R93-71) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ VI [redacted] (2X/[redacted]/T5ØØ-71, 21Ø531Z) CHANGE TO 3/00/[redacted]/R121-71, IN PART III, ITEM 1, NORTHERN LAOS; THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE FOURTH PARAGRAPH SHOULD READ, $COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THESE ENTITIES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED REGULARLY SINCE 12 MAY.$ ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ XXHH 82Ø #3681 NNNN

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