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ENPØ2FTB11Ø51 2/OO/VCJ/R242-71 AVN,ALA,AVS/HIGH-G-H,MTRL-Y/I,B,Z. DAILY GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES SUMMARY NUMBER 131, 11 MAY 1971 XXCC DESPITE THE DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE 2D COMPANY AND ITS THREE WEAPONS WOULD DEPLOY ALONG ROUTE 16A WHILE THE 1ST AND 4TH COMPANIES, ALONG WITH THE BATTALION HEADQUARTERT WERE TO GO TO HUOI XAN (YD 6436, 16-35N 1Ø6-33E). THE DEPLOYMENT OF GDRS AAA ELEMENTS THIS FAR EAST ALONG ROUTE 9 IS UNUSUAL. (2/F1/T328Ø-71, Ø91229Z) 3. WEAPONS POSITIONS FOR THE 12TH AAA BATTALION, 593D AAA REGIMENT WERE DISCLOSED IN A 6 MAY DISPATCH. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE 1ST COMPANY HAD GUN POSITIONS AT KMS 3Ø.5 AND 21 $ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF ROUTE 35A.$ THE 2D COMPANY HAD SET UP POSITIONS AT KMS 27 AND 28, PROBABLY ON ROUTE 914. THE 3D COMPANY'S POSITIONS WERE LOCATED AT KMS 21 AND 23, PROBABLY ON ROUTE 914. THESE PRESENT LOCATIONS REPRESENT NO SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE FROM PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AAA POSITIONS OF THE 12TH BATTALION. 4. FURTHER REFLECTIONS OF LAM SOM 72Ø WERE NOTED ON 6 AND 7 MAY IN COMMUNICATIONS EMANATING FROM BT 41 AND BT 42. ON 6 MAY, THE 5TH INFANTRY COMPANY, BT 41 REVEALED THAT THE 4TH ARTILLERY BATTALION HAD DEPLOYED NEAR DONG CON TIEN AT YD 43Ø3 (16-16N 1Ø7-16E). THE ARVN 2D AND 3D BATTALIONS AND AN AMERICAN SUPPORT BATTALION WERE REPORTEDLY PREPARING TO LAND POSSIBLY NEAR CA LUNG. THE FOLLOWING DAY, BT 42 REPORTED THAT THE 5TH BATTALION, ARVN 369TH BRIGADE HAD LANDED AT CAP NHUAN (UNLOCATED) AT Ø7ØØ G. BT 42 ALSO REVEALED THAT THE $ENEMY$ HAD PLANNED TO LAND THE 1ST AND 4TH BATTALIONS, ARVN 54TH REGIMENT AT KHE LAO (UNLOCATED) BUT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO DO SO BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER. AS A RESULT, THE ENEMY WAS ATTEMPTING TO BRING IN THESE UNITS TO KHE LAO AND HP 1Ø78 (YD 1Ø3Ø, 16-2ØN 1Ø7-11E) BY VEHICLE. IN ADDITION, BT 42 NOTED THAT OPERATION LAM SOM 72Ø WAS ENTERING PHASE TWO. AMERICANS WERE REPORTED TO BE NUMEROUS, BUT VERY CAUTIOUS. AFTER LANDING THEY CONSTRUCTED A NUMBER OF POSITIONS BEFORE ADVANCING. BT 42 NOTED THAT AMERICANS WERE ONLY BUILDING FORTIFICATIONS, AND SPECULATED THAT THE HEAVY RAINS MIGHT HAVE AN ADVERSE AFFECT ON ALLIED ACTIONS. (2/F1/VCJ/T3245-71, Ø7Ø658Z; T3246-71, Ø7Ø727Z) 5. POSSIBLY BT 42 REPORTED AIRCRAFT SHOOTDOWNS ON 8 MAY. THE 11TH COMPANY, 36TH AAA BATTALION, SHOT DOWN AT LEAST TWO HELICOPTERS, ONE OF WHICH CRASHED AT BAN HANG, ABOUT A KILOMETER FROM THE COMPANY'S POSITION. $ENEMY$ F4'S AND HELICOPTERS THEN FIRED MARKER ROUNDS AND DROPPED DELAYED-ACTION BOMBS ON THE COMPANY'S POSITIONS, BUT APPARENTLY LITTLE DAMAGE RESULTED. THREE $AMERICAN BODIES$ WERE REPORTEDLY FOUND IN THE WRECKAGE OF ONE

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OF THE HELICOPTERS, AND THE BINH TRAM CLAIMED THAT FIVE AMERICAN PILOTS HAD BEEN KILLED IN RECENT ACTIONS. (2/F/VCJ/T3263-71, 08080OZ) C. TRANSPORTATION 1. A 4 MAY SHIPPING REPORT FROM THE BT 14 AREA PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING DATA, RECEIVED AT UNSPECIFIED AREA, 22 VEHICLES CARRYING 73,698 KG INCLUDING FOODSTUFFS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES DISPATCHED TO AN UNSPECIFIED AREA, 13 VEHICLES CARRYING 46,823 KG INCLUDING MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND FOODSTUFFS DISPATCHED ON PROBABLY 5 MAY TO AN UNSPECIFIED AREA, 11 VEHICLES CARRYING 40,789 KG OF CARGO A GASOLINE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL WAS PROVIDED BY THE 61ST TRANSPORTATION BATTALION IN A 9 MAY MESSAGE TO BT 33. DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, THE BATTALION TRANSPORTED 47 TONS OF GASOLINE. 2. A 23 APRIL MESSAGE FROM GROUP 470 TO THE 559TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP REPORTED CARGO DELIVERIES TO MR 5, SOUTH VIETNAM, AND B3 FRONT. SHIPPED TO MR 5 ON 18 AND 19 APRIL, RICE -- 5,782 KG MEDICAL SUPPLIES -- 2,500 KG WEAPONS -- 8,200 KG SHIPMENT FOR 20 APRIL, RICE -- 1,800 KG SALT -- 1,622 KG FIREARMS -- 2,844 KG AMMUNITION -- 27,120 KG INCLUDING, K56 -- 670 KG K53 -- 47 KG 12.7-MM -- 576 KG B-40 (RPG-2 ANTITANK GRENADE LAUNCHER) -- 2,376 KG B-41 (RPG-7 ANTITANK GRENADE LAUNCHER) -- 1,138 KG SKZ-76 (7.62-MM CARBINE) -- 1,980 KG 82-MM MORTAR -- 15,600 KG 82-MM MORTAR (SLOW-DETONATING) -- 595 KG 82-MM (AIR-DETONATING) -- 150 KG 120-MM MORTAR -- 3,128 KG AK (7.62-MM ASSAULT RIFLE) -- 858 KG SHIPMENT TO B3 FRONT ON 20 APRIL, RICE -- 16,661 KG MEDICAL SUPPLIES -- 1,960 KG COMMUNICATIONS SUPPLIES -- 4,225 KG WEAPONS -- 15,506 KG ARTILLERY -- 40,000 KG WIRE-CUTTING SCISSORS -- 10 KG AK WEAPONS -- 10,373 KG (943 PIECES) (2/F1/VCJ/T2931-71, 230340Z APR) IV. OTHER DEVELOPMENTS A. NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE PAST WEEK (DGDRSS 124 THROUGH 130) 62 PERSONNEL WERE SEEN MOVING NORTH THROUGH BT 25. B. LAOS A MINIMUM OF 86 PERSONNEL WERE OBSERVED MOVING SOUTH IN THE BT 35 AREA, AND A MINIMUM OF 18 PERSONNEL WERE OBSERVED MOVING NORTH THROUGH COMMO-LIAISON STATION T-250. SOUTHWARD-MOVING PERSONNEL GROUP STRENGTH 227 -- 1151 80 Y528 6 V. UPDATE TO GDRS DATA BASE 2/00/VCJ/R06-71 FILE C. COVER DESIGNATORS ADD THE FOLLOWING, DESIG COMMENT 470 HQ, LOC VIC YB 152553 14-57N 106-59E 26 MAR 71 XXHH 900 #3646 NNNN

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