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~~T O P S E C R E T UMBRA~~ FINAL SECTION OF SIX XXMMENPØ6FOO19121 ~~ISHTAR~~(IN PARAS MARKED) 3/00/[redacted]/R3Ø3-71 NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC A. GROUND FORCES MILITARY REGION 4 ON 13 DECEMBER AN UNIDENTIFIED TRANSPORTATION BATTALION LOCATED IN NGHE AN PROVINCE REVEALED THAT BEGINNING ON THE 25TH OF DECEMBER THE BATTALION WOULD WORK FOR THE 222D AAA REGIMENT AND WOULD REQUIRE AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF VEHICLES TO TRANSPORT ARTILLERY. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THE 222D AAA REGIMENT HAS RECENTLY BEEN ENGAGED IN A NORTHWARD DEPLOYMENT FROM SOUTHERN QUANG BINH PROVINCE. ~~(SECRET SPOKE-ISHTAR)~~ B. AIR/AIR DEFENSE FORCES AERIAL ENGAGEMENTS OVER NORTH VIETNAM PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION REVEALS THAT DURING THE Ø6ØØZ HOUR OF 18 DECEMBER, TWO NVAF 921ST REGIMENT MIG-21'S ENGAGED AND SHOT DOWN AN F4 APPROXIMATELY 45 NM NORTHWEST OF BAI THUONG. AT LEAST EIGHT ADDITIONAL MIGS--FOUR MIG-19'S FROM YEN BAI AND TWO MIG-21'S EACH FROM BAI THUONG AND PHUC YEN--CONDUCTED DEFENSIVE PATROLS DURING THE SAME GENERAL TIME FRAME. DURING THE Ø8ØØZ HOUR ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT WAS NOTED. TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21'S ENGAGED U.S. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFIED AS F4'S AND FOUR YEN BAI-BASED, 925TH REGIMENT MIG-19'S ATTEMPTED TO ENGAGE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT OVER NORTH VIETNAM. THERE WAS NO CONFIRMATION, HOWEVER, THAT THE MIG-21'S EXPENDED ANY ORDNANCE IN THIS ENCOUNTER. (2/RØ/VCA/R94Ø-71 18Ø646Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ C. MARITIME ACTIVITY NORTH VIETNAMESE MERSHIPS ACTIVE IN THE VINH/BEN THUY AREA BETWEEN 12 AND 16 DECEMBER, THE THONG NHAT (NV, 617GT, CG), CUU LONG (NV, 1778GT, TKR) AND VIET TRUNG (NV, POSSIBLY 6Ø6GT, TKR) WERE ACTIVE IN VOYAGES TO THE VINH/BEN THUY (WF 7461, 18-38N 1Ø5-42E) AREA. AFTER DEPARTING FROM HAIPHONG AND ARRIVING AT BEN THUY UNOBSERVED, THE THONG NHAT WAS ACTIVE IN THE AREA BETWEEN 13 AND 16 DECEMBER. NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE CONCERNING THE SHIP'S CARGO FROM HAIPHONG; HOWEVER, WHILE AT BEN THUY, THE THONG NHAT WAS TO LOAD POSSIBLY 53Ø TONS OF RICE. THE THONG NHAT WAS LAST ACTIVE IN THE BEN THUY AREA ON 8 AND 9 DECEMBER. THE TANKER CUU LONG, ACTIVE AT HON NGU (WF 8279, 18-48N 1Ø5-47E) BETWEEN 6 AND PROBABLY 9 DECEMBER, RETURNED TO HON NGU ON 12 DECEMBER WITH AT LEAST 68Ø TONS OF POL AND REMAINED IN THE AREA THROUGH AT LEAST 15 DECEMBER. ON 11 DECEMBER, THE TANKER VIET TRUNG RETURNED TO HAIPHONG FROM BEN THUY AND WAS TO LOAD 331 TONS OF DIESEL OIL. AT Ø8ØØ(G) ON 12 DECEMBER, THE VIET TRUNG DEPARTED FOR HON NGU AND PROBABLY REMAINED IN THE VINH/BEN THUY AREA UNTIL AT LEAST 15 DECEMBER. ON THAT DAY, THE SHIP WAS TO RETURN TO HAIPHONG TO LOAD 33Ø

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TONS OF DIESEL FUEL FROM THE SOVIET TANKER KOMSOMOLETS PRIMOR'YA (RU, 3310GT, TKR) FOR PROBABLE TRANSFER TO $CUA NAM TRIEU$ IN HAIPHONG. LATER, THE VIET TRUNG WAS TO PROCEED TO HAIPHONG TO LOAD WATER, RECEIVE ORDERS, AND THEN PROCEED TO THE SOVIET TANKER PETR SHIRSHOV (RU, 8229GT, TKR) TO LOAD 330 TONS OF DIESEL FUEL FOR BEN THUY ON 16 DECEMBER. THE VIET TRUNG LAST CALLED BETWEEN 7 AND AT LEAST 10 DECEMBER. (3/OO/[redacted]/R299-71; 2/K0/VCJ/R346-71, 130145Z; R347-71, 140217Z, R348-71, 150231Z; R349-71, 160259Z; R350-71, 170241Z).
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