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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary

FROM : INR - Thomas L. Hughes

SUBJECT : Recent Military Activity in Southeast Asia

Here is an updated summary of the material we discussed this morning.

Ground

According to a GRC Defense Ministry source, the command post of the 38th Division of the 13th Army reported left Mengtzu, Yunnan for Hanoi on August 3; the installation of the headquarters was reported to be completed on August 4. This report was received on August 8, at 2205Z. It should be recalled that railway traffic from Kunming and Mengtzu in China to Lao Kay and Hanoi in DRV was noted as being disrupted on August 6.

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Air

It is possible that a complete jet fighter regiment of 36 planes has moved from Mengtzu to Phuc Yen outside Hanoi. We now list 6 planes confirmed, 22 probable (both figures based on air photography), and 8 possible. A fighter regiment was known to have been based at Mengtzu since August 1963 and was last confirmed there in the fall of 1963.

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According to DIA at 2:00 p.m. today our time, Chicom Air OB (MIG 15/17) elsewhere was as follows: Nanning-12; Kunming-13; Mengtzu-16.