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AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

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5. MILITARY REGION 4 ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT REPORT OF 27 MAY, 800 ENEMY WERE LOCATED 1 KM EAST OF KAUK DAUNG VILLAGE (UA 6712, 13-01N 103-11E), 35 KM NORTHWEST OF SIEM REAP CITY. BOMBING WAS REQUESTED ON THE CONCENTRATION WHICH INCLUDED A HOSPITAL, MUNITIONS AND FOOD STOCK. ACCORDING TO AN UNCONFIRMED FANK REPORT, SEVERAL THOUSAND VC/NVA COMING FROM HANOI, AND TRAVELLING THROUGH KRATIE AND STUNG TRENG PROVINCES ALONG THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL REPORTEDLY INTENDED TO ATTACK KOMPONG THOM IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND REINFORCE THEIR POSITIONS ON NATIONAL ROUTE 5 IN KOMPONG CHHNANG PROVINCE. BOMBING ON 28 MAY IN KOMPONG THOM PROVINCE DESTROYED 15 BUNKERS APPROXIMATELY 5 KM SOUTH OF THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL. (2/G1/7245-73 (CEY), 28112Z, 7276-73 (CEY) 290553Z; 7283-73 (CEY) 290845Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ VIII. LAOS MILITARY SITUATION 1. NORTHERN LAOS THE DESTINATION OF THE AMERICAN PILOT WHO WAS CAPTURED IN EARLY MAY, ALONG WITH SIX ME0, MAY BE NORTH VIETNAM. ON 28 MAY, THE COMBAT OPERATIONS SECTION, MILITARY REGION (MR) 959, INFORMED THE PROBABLE HQ, MR 4 (VINH AREA) THAT THE AMERICAN HAS BEEN RETURNED TO YOUR PLACE. IT WAS ALSO DISCLOSED THAT THE SIX ME0 AND THE OTHER PRISONERS ARE BEING ADEQUATELY GUARDED BY THE FRIENDS. AN EXCHANGE BETWEEN THESE SAME TWO NVA UNITS ON 25 MAY, REVEALED THE POSSIBLE SHOOTDOWN OF AN AMERICAN F-4 AIRCRAFT. ACCORDING TO THE NVA COMBAT OPERATIONS SECTION, COMRADE THOI'S UNIT (COMMANDER OF THE NVA 866TH INDEPENDENT REGIMENT) FIRED AT AN F-4 WITH A 12.7-MM GUN ON 23 MAY. THIS PLANE, ACCORDING TO THE NVA, LATER CRASHED AT UDORN AIRFIELD, THAILAND. ADDITIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN NVA AND PATHET LAO (PL) UNITS OPERATING IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF MR 2 WAS REVEALED ON 25 MAY. ACCORDING TO A SPECIAL SOURCE, THE COMMAND POST (CP) OF THE NVA 42D ARTILLERY BATTALION INSTRUCTED AN UNIDENTIFIED ASSOCIATE (B0304) TO ACCOMPANY THE COMMAND STAFF OF 705 (PROBABLE REFERENCE TO 705TH PL INFANTRY BATTALION) WHEREVER THEY GO. FURTHERMORE, THIS NVA UNIT WAS ORDERED TO ESTABLISH AN OBSERVATION POST AT THE SAME LOCATION AS THE PL. ON 27 MAY, THE ASSOCIATE, WAS LOCATED AT TG 309621 (19-32N 102-25E), APPROXIMATELY 10 KMS NORTH OF SALA PHOU KOUN AND 75 KMS WEST OF ITS 5 APRIL POSITION. A TOTAL OF FOUR ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 42D ARTILLERY BATTALION ARE NOW OPERATING THE SALA PHOU KOUN REGION. A PROBABLE MOVE BY THE HQ, 4TH BATTALION, 148TH REGIMENT, NVA 316TH DIVISION WAS REFERENCED IN AN NVA REPORT ON 25 MAY. THE BATTALION INFORMED AN ASSOCIATE THAT IT HAD MOVED TO HIGH POINT (HP) 1319 (TG 853434, 19-21N 102-56E), 5 KM NORTH OF BAN NA, ON 23 MAY. THIS BATTALION WAS LAST LOCATED ON 16 MAY, AT TG 892345 (19-17N 102-59E) 3 KM SOUTHEAST OF BAN NA. AN UNIDENTIFIED NVA BATTALION (E1008) REVEALED THAT IT WILL MOVE TO BAN SOP SIEM (UH 2311, 19-59N 103-18E) ON

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30 MAY. THIS 29 MAY NVA REPORT DID NOT DISCLOSE THE PURPOSE OF THIS MOVE.
(2/G) 7247-73 (VCM) 2811120Z, 7216-73 (VCM) 271251Z; 7207-73 (VCM) 270900Z;
24 726-73 (VCM) 290730Z) (SECRET SPOKE) 2. SOUTHERN LAOS RLA INTELLIGENCE
SOURCES IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE REPORTED THE 26 MAY LOCATIONS OF TWO PL/NVA
COMPANIES IN THE AREA OF THE SE BANG FAI RIVER BRIDGE (UD 9888, 17-05N
104-59E). ONE PL/NVA COMPANY IS REPORTEDLY LOCATED 13 KM NORTHWEST OF THIS AREA
WHILE THE OTHER ENEMY COMPANY IS LOCATED 13 KM EAST OF THE BRIDGE. XXHH 900
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