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THIS REPORT SUMMARIZES DEVELOPMENTS NOTED THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA AVAILABLE TO NSA AS OF 29 MAY 1973. ALL INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS BASED ENTIRELY ON SIGINT EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY INDICATED. SITUATION SUMMARY THE HQ, NVA 308TH DIVISION WAS LOCATED IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, THE FIRST LOCATION ON THIS HEADQUARTERS SINCE DECEMBER. IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST REGIMENT, NVA 2D DIVISION REFERENCED TALKS WITH ARVN UNITS. TACTICAL ACTIVITY, PROBABLY INVOLVING ELEMENTS OF THE 2D AND 12TH REGIMENTS, NVA 3D DIVISION IS INCREASING. ARTILLERY ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 10TH DIVISION ENGAGED ARVN ARTILLERY IN AN ALL-DAY DUEL. ~~ISHTAR~~ AN AMERICAN PILOT CAPTURED IN NORTHERN LAOS IN EARLY MAY MAY BE IN NORTH VIETNAM ACCORDING TO THE COMBAT OPERATIONS SECTION, MILITARY REGION 959. THE COMMAND POST, NVA 42D ARTILLERY BATTALION INSTRUCTED AN ASSOCIATE TO ACCOMPANY THE COMMAND STAFFS OF THE PROBABLE 705TH PL INFANTRY BATTALION WHEREVER IT GOES. ~~SECRET SPOKE~~ I. CEASE-FIRE REFLECTIONS SOUTH VIETNAM ENEMY-INITIATED CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIETNAM FOR THE 96-HOUR PERIOD ENDING AT 2200 HOURS ON 27 MAY TOTALLED 297 ACCORDING TO THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF IN SAIGON. THIS TOTAL INCLUDED 38 ATTACKS, 165 SHELLINGS, 71 HARASSMENTS, 19 TERRORIST ACTS, ONE RAID AND THREE ACTS OF SABOTAGE. FRIENDLY LOSSES FOR THE SAME PERIOD INCLUDED 69 KILLED, 218 WOUNDED, AND 11 MISSING; THE ENEMY LOST 149 KILLED AND THREE CAPTURED. ACCORDING TO THE JGS, ENEMY-INITIATED INCIDENTS SINCE 28 JANUARY NOW TOTAL 14,895. TOTAL FRIENDLY LOSSES DURING THE PERIOD AMOUNT TO 5,392 KILLED, 25,804 WOUNDED, AND 1,331 MISSING; ENEMY LOSSES ARE PUT AT 20,991 KILLED AND 789 CAPTURED. ~~TOP SECRET UMBRA~~ II. SOUTH VIETNAM MILITARY SITUATION RVN MILITARY REGION I THE HQ, 68TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT, NVA 304TH DIVISION WAS LOCATED ON 26 MAY WITHIN 10 NAUTICAL MILES OF YD 1452 (16-44N 107-00E) IN CENTRAL QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN LOCATED SINCE LATE DECEMBER WHEN IT WAS OPERATING SOUTHWEST OF QUANG TRI CITY. THE 68TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT COMMUNICATES WITH THE 304TH DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AND AN UNIDENTIFIED REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATE (E4513). COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AND ITS FORWARD ELEMENT WERE NOTED BETWEEN 14 AND 25 APRIL. ON 27 MAY, THE HQ, NVA 84TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT WAS LOCATED WITHIN 10 NAUTICAL MILES OF YD 0559 (16-48N 106-55E) IN CENTRAL QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS WAS LAST FIRMLY LOCATED ABOUT 10 KM NORTHWEST OF DONG HA ON 12 DECEMBER 1972. ON 28 MAY, AN NVA 324B DIVISION ASSOCIATE ISSUED A ROUTINE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT ON ARVN VEHICLE AND AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY WEST OF HUE. ~~ISHTAR~~ SUSPECTED ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 675B ARTILLERY REGIMENT CONTINUED TO

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DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ADDITIONAL TEAMS TO QUANG TRI, BUT NO DATE WAS MENTIONED. ARVN ARTILLERY FIRE WAS REPORTED IN THE AREA OF FIRE SUPPORT BASE BASTOGNE (YD 620095, 16-21N 107-27E). ~~(ISHTAR)~~ IN SOUTHEASTERN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, ON 17 MAY AN ELEMENT OF THE 1ST REGIMENT, NVA 2D DIVISION REPORTED TO A DIVISION ASSOCIATE THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO UNUSUAL OCCURRANCES AND THAT TWO BATTALIONS HAD DISCUSSED VARIOUS TOPICS WITH THE ARVN, AS STIPULATED BY THE REGIMENT. COMMUNIST UNITS HAVE EARLIER REVEALED HAVING DISCOURSE WITH ARVN PERSONNEL. ~~(ISHTAR)~~ A BATTALION (E4125) OF THE NVA 230TH TRANSPORTATION REGIMENT WAS LOCATED ON 24 MAY IN SOUTHWESTERN QUANG NGAI, ~~WITHIN 1000 METERS~~ OF BS 445204 (14-38N 108-37E) WHILE COMMUNICATING WITH HQ, MR 5 REAR SERVICES; 70 KM SOUTH OF ITS 24 APRIL POSITION. ~~(ISHTAR)~~ (3/004 [REDACTED] R307-72, 13 DECEMBER; 3/00/13152-73 [REDACTED], 2 MAY; 13279-73 3 MAY) ~~(SECRET SPOKE-ISHTAR)~~ XXHH 900 #8961 NNNH

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