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ENR01FG173139 7488 2/G1/6881-73 (LSVCJ) AVN,ALA/OPER-G-H-C/Z. DAILY SUMMARY OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN NORTH VIETNAM AND LAOS

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THIS REPORT SUMMARIZES THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE ARMED FORCES VIETNAM (HCAFVN), COMMUNIST GROUND FORCES AND GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES (GDRS) IN NORTH VIETNAM AND LAOS, AND CIVIL ACTIVITIES IN NORTH VIETNAM WHICH BECAME AVAILABLE DURING THE PERIOD 181200Z - 191159Z MAY 1973. INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE UPON RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. ACTIVITIES OF (CEL) ENTITIES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT. I. HIGHLIGHTS ELEMENTS OF THE 174TH REGIMENT, NVA 316TH DIVISION OPERATING IN MILITARY REGION TWO REVEALED THE CAPTURE OF SEVERAL PRO-GOVERNMENT TROOPS AND ONE AMERICAN. II. TACTICAL ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNIST FORCES IN LAOS A. NORTHERN LAOS 1. NVA FORCES INFORMATION COLLECTED BY A SPECIAL SOURCE INDICATED THAT ON 18 MAY, PERSONALITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE 1ST BATTALION (BN), NVA 174TH REGIMENT (REGT) AND THE 10TH COMPANY (CO), 3RD BN, NVA 174TH REGT REVEALED THAT HEADQUARTERS (HQ) 5TH BN, NVA 148TH REGT HAD CAPTURED TWO MEMBERS OF A PRO-GOVERNMENT RECONNAISSANCE TEAM OPERATING NEAR PHOU KENG (TG994 553, 19-28N 103-04E) ON 16 MAY. ALSO REPORTED WAS THAT ANOTHER RECONNAISSANCE TEAM (PFR PASSENGERS) (1) ALONG WITH AN AMERICAN (PFR PILOT) (1) HAD BEEN CAPTURED ALIVE IN THE AREA OF NAM PIT (TG 822 473, 1924N 102-55E) OR TG 825 433, 19-22N 102-55E). ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 335TH INDEPENDENT (IND) REGT OPERATING SOUTHEAST OF THE PLAINE DES JARRES, EXPOUNDED UPON LOGISTIC QUANDRIES. IN PARTICULAR, INFORMATION PASSED BETWEEN TWO UNIDENTIFIED (U/I) ASSOCIATES (NO RD), NVA 335TH IND REGT REVEALED THAT UNSPECIFIED \$FRIENDS\$ (PATHET LAO) HAD REQUESTED THAT REPARATIONS BE MADE UPON FOUR DAMAGED PLACES IN THE ROAD BETWEEN XIENG KHONG (UG 2612, 19-05N 103-20E) AND BAN THA VIANG (UG 3104, 19-01N 103-25E). IN RESPONSE, THE ENGINEERS WERE INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW THE \$FRIENDS\$ VEHICLES AND THEREBY FACILITATE THE NECESSARY REPAIRS. SUBSEQUENTLY, AT 1042Z ON 17 MAY, THE HQ 1ST BN, NVA 335TH IND REGT INSTRUCTED THE TRANSPORT OF AMMUNITION, TO INCLUDE 64 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR AMMO, 700 ROUNDS OF 12.7MM AMMO, 45 ROUNDS OF B-40 ROCKET AMMO AND 300 ROUNDS OF K-76 (U/I WEAPON DESIGNATOR) AMMO. ON 18 MAY, THE ARRIVAL OF RICE AT XIENG KHONG WAS DISCLOSED BY AN U/I REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATE (NO RD) ALSO REVEALING THAT CO3, 1ST BN, NVA 335TH IND REGT WAS TO PICK UP AND TRANSPORT THIS COMMODITY. HOWEVER, AS OF 0817Z ON 18 MAY THE 3RD CO HAD FAILED TO RESPOND TO THIS TASK. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE HQ 1ST BN RECEIVED CONFORMATION REGARDING THE AMMUNITION TRANSPORT. ACCORDING TO AN U/I 1ST BN ASSOCIATE (NO RD), TWENTY FOUR COMRADES AHEAD PERFORMED THIS ASSIGNMENT ON THE 18TH OF MAY. ~~SECRET SPOKE ISHTAR (2/G1/6843, 6850, 6859, 6865, 6868, 6870-73 (VCM)) (1) IDENTIFICATION ACCORDING TO SPECIAL SOURCE~~ ~~SECRET~~

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