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VN NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

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THIS REPORT SUMMARIZES DEVELOPMENTS NOTED THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA AVAILABLE TO NSA AS OF 12 MAY 1975. INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS BASED ON SIGINT EXCEPT WHERE INDICATED. SITUATION SUMMARY IN CAMBODIA, COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES HAVE REPORTED PROBLEMS WITH GUERRILLA BANDS AND WITH THE POPULACE BEING UNFRIENDLY TO KC SOLDIERS. IN OTHER ACTIVITY, TWO CHINESE TECHNICIANS ARE IN PHNOM PENH AND ARE WAITING FOR CLEARANCES TO GO TO INSPECT THE FACTORIES IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY. ALSO, A NUMBER OF GUESTS, POSSIBLY VIETNAMESE, ARE TO VISIT CAMBODIA. ~~(ISHTAR)~~ IN SOUTHERN LAOS, NVA GROUP 128 UNITS WERE WARNED THAT ROYAL LAO ARMY FORCES WOULD TRY TO ENTER NVA HELD TERRITORY. THEY WERE ALSO TOLD TO BE VIGILANT AND PASS THE NEWS OF THE PATHET LAO VICTORY. ~~(SECRET SPOKE ISHTAR)~~ I. SOUTH VIETNAM. GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS. EIGHT AMERICAN POW'S ARE BEING TAKEN TO DUC CO. (1347N 10738E YA8425) IN PLEIKU PROVINCE, ACCORDING TO A 9 MAY REPORT FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED NORTH VIETNAMESE ENTITY. THE REPORT ALSO REVEALED THAT TWO CANADIANS, A MAN AND HIS WIFE, WERE WITH THE EIGHT AMERICANS AND THAT THE GROUP IS CURRENTLY CONFINED AT E GIUP, PROBABLY A REFERENCE TO YA SOUP (1309N 10749E ZV0555) IN DARLAC PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL, AT LEAST EIGHT AMERICANS, TWO CANADIANS, AND TWO ICCS PERSONNEL WERE CAPTURED AT BAN ME THUOT WHEN THE CITY FELL TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE IN EARLY MARCH. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ENTITY ALSO INDICATED THAT 3,100 POW'S WERE REMAINING AT CHEO REO IN PHU BON PROVINCE. RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER WAS REQUESTED. (2/ [REDACTED] 981-75, 091920Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~

II. NORTH VIETNAM A. GROUND FORCES MILITARY REGION 3 RIGHT BANK MILITARY REGION 3 RIGHT BANK TRAINING AUTHORITIES ARE APPARENTLY REVERTING TO A LONGER TRAINING CYCLE NOW THAT THE NEED FOR COMBAT REPLACEMENT TROOPS IN SOUTH VIETNAM HAS DISMINISHED. THE ONE-MONTH TRAINING CYCLE INSTITUTED IN FEBRUARY IS BEING EXTENDED TO AT LEAST TWO MONTHS AND POSSIBLY TO THE FOUR-MONTH CYCLE USED DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1974, ACCORDING TO 12TH AND 15TH REGIMENT REPORTS. (2/00/7638-75 VCJ, 091348Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ B. MARITIME NORTH VIETNAMESE CARGO VESSEL IN DANGER OF CAPSIZING THE NORTH VIETNAMESE CARGO VESSEL GIAI PHONG 20 (VC, APPROXIMATELY 200 DMT, CG), WHICH RAN AGROUND ON 9 MAY, REPORTED LATE ON 11 MAY THAT SHE WAS LISTING 30 DEGREES AND ABOUT TO CAPSIZE. THE MASTER OF THE GIAI PHONG 20 REPORTED THAT THE VESSEL WAS AGROUND ON SAND NEAR 2011N 10628E, DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM GIAO XUAN VILLAGE, GIAO THUY DISTRICT, NAM HA PROVINCE, AND THAT HIGH WAVES WERE DRIVING THE VESSEL INTO THE SHALLOWS. ALTHOUGH THE GIAI PHONG 20 URGENTLY REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF A TUGBOAT AND ON 9 MAY, THE TUG VTB-5 (VC, UNKGT, TUG) WAS SENT TO RESCUE HER, THE TUG HAD APPARENTLY NOT ARRIVED AS OF 2359Z ON 11 MAY. (2/ [REDACTED] 264-75 VCS,

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