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KM. SOUTHWEST OF ITS 30 APRIL LOCATION. (2/G11/VCM/R1149-67, 191310Z) (~~SECRET~~ ~~SAVIN~~) MILITARY REGION 5 IN DARLAC PROVINCE RECENT MESSAGES PASSED BY UNIDENTIFIED ENTITIES BELIEVED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PAVN 33RD REGIMENT, PAVN B3 FRONT CONTINUED TO REFLECT AN ATTACK POSTURE. INITIAL DATA INDICATES THAT A MESSAGE OF 16 NOVEMBER CONTAINED INSTRUCTIONS TO "SEND C-17 ((POSSIBLY A COMPANY OF THE 33RD REGIMENT)) AND THE RECRUITS TO CARRY 500 ROUNDS OF 82-MM AMMUNITION. ON THE 21ST OF NOVEMBER BE PRESENT AT THE TOBACCO FIELD." A 17 NOVEMBER MESSAGE PASSED BY THE SAME ENTITY--LOCATED ON 16 NOVEMBER IN NORTH-CENTRAL DARLAC (13-02N 108-05E, AQ 831425)--STATED THAT "THE ENTIRE REGIMENT IS TO RETURN FOR ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA YOU SPOKE OF," AND THAT FIELD TROOPS AND MORTAR SHELLS WERE CONCEALED. THE RECIPIENT OF THE MESSAGES IS CURRENTLY UNLOCATED. MEANWHILE, REFLECTIONS OF ALLIED ACTIVITY IN THE DO XA AREA WERE NOTED IN A MESSAGE OF 18 NOVEMBER FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED ENTITY TO THE HQ, MR 5 PROVINCIAL UNIT CONTROL. THE MESSAGE STATED IN PART THAT COMMANDOS LANDED AT POSSIBLY TABOA (15-42N 108-08E, AT 930050) AND THAT, ((OUT OF)) 12 MEN (B VAL ONE WAS CAPTURED), ONE WAS KILLED AND 10 ARE LEFT. SEND THE INTERIOR SECURITY GUARD TO SEARCH ((FOR THEM)) AND TAKE PRECAUTIONS." ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL, U.S. OPERATION WHEELER/WALLOWA IS CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED IN THE QUANG TIN PROVINCE AREA. (2/G12/VCM/R1387-67, 190724Z) (~~SECRET~~ ~~SAVIN~~) MILITARY REGION 2 TWO UNIDENTIFIED VC ENTITIES--ONE LOCATED IN NORTH-CENTRAL DINH TUONG PROVINCE NEAR 10-26N 106-12E (XS 310535) AND THE OTHER UNLOCATED--HAVE BEEN NOTED PASSING ACCURATE AND TIMELY INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION IN SERIES OF MESSAGES DATING 19 SEPTEMBER TO AT LEAST 15 NOVEMBER. THE MESSAGES PRIMARILY CONCERNED ALLIED SWEEP OPERATIONS IN THE DINH TUONG AREA AND CONTAINED SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO UNIT DESIGNATORS, DATES AND AREAS OF OPERATIONS. ALL OF THE MESSAGES WERE SENT WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE SCHEDULED BEGINNING OF EACH OPERATION. 900 NNNN

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GIANG, LAI CHAU, NGHIA LO, NGHE AN, AND QUANG BINH PROVINCES HAVE BEEN CITED. MESSAGES OBSERVED DURING THIS TIME PERIOD HAVE MENTIONED THE EXTENT OF THE EPIDEMIC, AS WELL AS PREVENTIVE AND COMBATIVE MEASURES BEING UNDERTAKEN. (2X/G11/VCY/R98-67, 171588Z) (~~SECRET SAVIN~~) ~~PLATOON OF~~ FEMALE MILITIA SHOT ~~DOWN~~ "P4S" AIRCRAFT ON 18 NOVEMBER, ACCORDING TO ~~A~~ "ORVIL MESSAGE. THE SHOOTDOWN OCCURRED IN QUANG NINH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE, WHEN THE WOMEN WERE SAID TO HAVE FIRED 38 ROUNDS OF 12.7-MM AMMUNITION AT THE PLANE. (2X/G11/VCY/T299-67, 190355Z) (~~SECRET SAVIN~~) 3. LAOTIAN COMMUNIST ON 17 NOVEMBER THE NEO LAO HAK XAT PRESS/PROPAGANDA FACILITY IN SAM NEUA REPORTED ~~THAT~~ COLONEL JOHN PETER "PURLIN," A PILOT FROM THE 388TH SQUADRON, KORAT, ~~THAILAND,~~ WAS SHOT DOWN AND CAPTURED IN HANOI ON 27 OCTOBER. THE MESSAGE STATED THAT THE COLONEL WAS SHOT DOWN WHILE FLYING HIS JET AIRCRAFT AGAINST AREA "BRAVO," AN AREA DESIGNATED BY THE AMERICANS TO MEAN HANOI. ACCORDING TO OPERATIONAL DATA, COLONEL JOHN PETER FLYNN, FLIGHT COMMANDER OF THE 388TH SQUADRON, KORAT, THAILAND, WAS SHOT DOWN OVER HANOI ON 27 OCTOBER. THE DESIGNATOR "BRAVO" IS USED BY THE U.S. TO REFER TO THE GIA LAM AREA. (2/G3/LSG/R51-67, 171345Z) (~~SECRET SAVIN~~) 4. INCREASED SUCCESS BY DRV FIGHTER PILOTS A HIGH LEVEL OF SUCCESS HAS BEEN ENJOYED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE FIGHTER PILOTS REACTING TO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT ACTIVE OVER THE DRV FROM 18 THROUGH 28 ~~NOVEMBER~~ SIGINT HAS REVEALED THAT FOUR OR FIVE U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE DOWNED ~~DURING~~ AIR ENGAGEMENTS WITHIN THAT TIME FRAME. MOREOVER, ALTHOUGH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE NOT EMPLOYING NEW OF UNUSUAL TACTICS, SIGINT INDICATES THAT THEY ARE BEING MORE SELECTIVE IN THE INTERCEPT OF HOSTILE AIRCRAFT AND ARE EXPLOITING PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED FLIGHT PROFILES EMPLOYED BY U.S. FORCES. 900 NNNN

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3/0/STY/R276-67 NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY ON  
NOVEMBER TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE-PILOTED MIG-21.S, STAGING FROM PHUC YEN AIRFIELD,  
~~SHOOTDOWN~~ TWO U.S. F-105.S WITH AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES IN THE VICINITY OF 21-25N  
104-50E. ON THE MORNING OF 19 NOVEMBER TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE-PILOTED MIG-21.S  
DEPARTED PHUC YEN AND PROCEEDED SOUTHWARD TO 19-55N 105-45E AND THEN  
NORTHWESTERLY TOWARDS THE LAOTIAN BORDER IN AN ATTEMPT TO INTERCEPT HOSTILE  
AIRCRAFT. A BRIEF ENGAGEMENT OCCURRED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE DRV/LAOS  
BORDER AREA, EXTENDING SEVERAL MILES INTO LAOS, DURING WHICH TWO AIR-TO-AIR  
MISSILES WERE FIRED BY THE MIGS. SIGINT DID NOT REFLECT DAMAGE TO EITHER SIDE.  
THE TWO DRV JET FIGHTERS RECOVERED AT KEP AIRFIELD. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME DRV  
FIGHTERS HAVE VENTURED SOUTH OF THE 20TH PARALLEL SINCE 17 JULY. THREE HOURS  
LATER ON THE 19TH, FOUR NORTH VIETNAMESE-PILOTED MIG-17.S ENGAGED AT LEAST  
FOUR U.S. F4.S IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY FIVE NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF  
HAIPHONG. DURING THIS ENGAGEMENT ONE OF THE MIG-17 PILOTS STATED, "SEE THEM,  
ONE AIRCRAFT IS SHOT DOWN." THIS WAS IN PROBABLE REFERENCE TO THE SHOOTDOWN OF  
~~ONE F-105.~~ HOWEVER THE METHOD OF DESTRUCTION WAS NOT INDICATED. ON 20 NOVEMBER  
~~TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE-PILOTED MIG-21.S~~ NORTH VIETNAMESE-PILOTED MIG-21.S CONDUCTED AN UNIDENTIFIED  
TYPE OF FLIGHT WHICH EXTENDED SEVERAL MILES OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN IN AN AREA  
SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF HAIPHONG. BOTH AIRCRAFT DEPARTED THE DRV LAND MASS IN THE  
VICINITY OF 20-25N 106-38E, ASSUMED A NORTHERLY HEADING AND THEN FLEW BACK  
OVER THE DRV IN THE VICINITY OF 20-45N 106-30E. BOTH AIRCRAFT SUBSEQUENTLY  
RETURNED TO PHUC YEN. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF SIGINT FOR THE EVENING OF 20  
NOVEMBER INDICATES THAT TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE-PILOTED MIG-21.S SHOT DOWN ONE,  
~~POSSIBLY TWO~~ F-105.S IN THE VICINITY OF 21-35N 105-00E. (2/VCK/R82-67,  
192250Z. 2/H3/VCK/R211-67, 190034Z AND FOLLOW-UPS THERETO. 2/H3/VCK/R45-67,

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