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ENP01-F101041 2/F1/VCJ/R132-71 RPT 2/F1/VCJ/R132-71 SUMMARY OF VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN THE DMZ , DRV, MILITARY REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE AND LAOS WHICH HAS BECOME AVAILABLE DURING THE PERIOD 311000Z MARCH-010959Z APRIL 1971.
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SITUATION SUMMARY, IN NORTH VIETNAM, MESSAGE ACTIVITY OF THE NVA 164TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT, 271ST INDEPENDENT REGIMENT AND QUANG BINH PROVINCIAL UNIT WAS CONCERNED WITH INCREASED RECONNAISSANCE EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY IN REGARDS TO ALLIED AIR ACTIVITY, AND COMMUNICATIONS INSTRUCTIONS. IN THE DMZ AREA, COMMUNICATIONS OF THE 27B INFANTRY REGIMENT REPORTED ON AMBUSH RESULTS, STRIKE INTENTIONS AND COORDINATION WITH THE 84TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT, WHILE THE 84TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT MENTIONED REINFORCEMENTS DESTINED FOR LAUNCHING SITE ONE AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF RESTRAINING FIRE. IN LAOS, - 308TH DIVISION COMMUNIQUE REPORTED ON PROBLEMS CREATED BY DROPPED ALLIED MINES AND RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITY, WHILE A 320TH DIVISION MESSAGE DISCLOSED THAT WOUNDED AND SICK PERSONNEL OF COMPANY 24 WERE TO BE EVACUATED ON EITHER 2 OR 3 APRIL. I. EASTERN/CENTRAL DMZ, A. NVA B-5 FRONT, ON 31 MARCH, AN UNIDENTIFIED SUBORDINATE (D2071), B-5 FRONT WAS LOCATED NEAR XD 808 625 (16-50N 16-41E), PLACING THIS ENTITY APPROXIMATELY 20 KOLOMETERS NORTH OF KHE SANH COMBAT BASE (XD 848 417, 16-38N 106-42E) . IF VALID, THIS REPRESENTS A RELOCATION OF APPROXIMATELY 18 KILOMETERS IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION FROM ITS PREVIOUS 31 MARCH LOCATION NEAR XD 875 463 (16-41N 106-44E). (TACREP NR 1095-71 PASEP USM-808/HOTEL 311253Z MAR 71) B. NVA 27B INFANTRY REGIMENT, MESSAGE ACTIVITY ON 31 MARCH BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 27B INFANTRY REGIMENT REVEALED THAT IN ORDER TO COORDINATE WITH THE 84TH REGIMENT (NVA 84TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT) ON 1 AND 2 APRIL, COMPANY 17 (17TH MORTAR COMPANY , 27B INFANTRY REGIMENT) WAS TO HAVE 80MM MORTARS BROUGHT TO REGIMENT. IT WAS NOTED THAT ON 31 MARCH, COMPANIES TWO AND FOUR HAD LAID AN AMBUSH AT KHONG TEN MOUNTAIN (VICINITY OF YD 06 67, 16-52N 106-54E OR YD 04 63, 16-50N 106-53E), WHERE 120 $ENEMY$ HAD BEEN ANIHILATED, AND FOUR RIFLES AND ONE RADIO CAPTURED. REPORTEDLY OTHER RQUIPMENT HAD BEEN CAPTURED AT BAL LAO (XD 927 547, 16-46N 106-47E). COMMUNIST ELEMENTS REPORTED WAITING FOR THE $ENEMY$ TO RETURN TO PICK UP WAR DEAD IN ORDER TO STRIKE AGAIN FROM TWO EMPLACEMENTS. IN ADDITION, UNDISCLOSED ELEMENTS WERE INSTRUCTED NOT TO STRIKE HIGHPOINT 822 (XD 885 543, 16-45N 106-45E). OTHER MESSAGES REFERENCED AN AMBUSH NEAR UNLOCATED SA MA ON 11 MARCH. IT WAS STATED THAT A CONVOY FROM KHE SANH(XD 848 417, 16-38N 106-43E) HAD BEEN ANBUSHED BY AN UNSPECIFIED TEAM. REPORTEDLY ONE M113 (ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER) AND SEVERAL OTHER VEHICLES HAD BEEN DESTROYED. FINALLY, COMMUNIST ELEMENTS NOTED THAT B-40 (REFERENCE TO RPT-2 ANTI-TANK GRDGADE LAUNCHER) AND AK-47 FIRE HAD BEEN UTILIZED FOR THIS ACTIVITY. (2/F1/VCM/T2508-71, T2512-71, T2513-71; USN-645TRANSLATIONS NR 682-71 AND

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684-71) C. GROUP 31, ON 31 MARCH, MESSAGES BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF GROUP 31 DISCLOSED THAT ALLIED RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT HAD FLOWN OVER BEN PHU (YD115 727+ 16-56N 1Ø6-57E), UNLOCATED GIA VONG, BEN TAT (VICINITY OF YD Ø8 76, 16-57N 1Ø6-53E), AND TH $REAR AREA$. REPORTEDLY ALLIED ELEMENTS HAD SUBSEQUENTLY FIRED 5Ø ROUNDS OF 1Ø5MM AMMUNITION AND SIX VOLLEYS OF 175MM ROUNDS AT UNLOCATED BEN DOC AND BEN TAT. FINALLY, IT WAS NOTED THAT GROUPP ELEMENTS HAD BEEN UNALBE TO STRIKE DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF ALLIED INFANTRY ELEMENTS. (2/F1/VCM/T2525-71; USM-645 TRANSLATION NR 685-71) D. NVA 84TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT, .3??-+3? 9, 31 MARCH BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 84TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT REVEALED THAT COMPANIES 7 AND 8(SUBORDINATE TO THE REGIMENT'S 3RD BATTALION) HAD USED RESTRAINING FIRE WELL AGAINST UNSPECIFIED TARGETS, IT WAS ADDED THAT AN UNDISCLOSED ENTITY WAS ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH 36Ø (XD 971 66Ø, 16-52N 1Ø6-5ØE). REPORTEDLY COMMUNIST PERSONNEL WERE TO BE SENT TO REINFORCE LAUNCHING SITE ONE (PREVOIUSLY LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF XD 965 596, 16-48N 1Ø6-49E). FINALLY, IT WAS STATED THAT THE FIRING ANGLES FOR 425(XD 96Ø 617, 16-5ØN 116-49E) AD 513 (XD 935 585, 16-48N 1Ø6-47E) WERE NOT YET CLEAR, HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT CLEAR IN TEXT WHETHER THOSE HIGHPOINTS WERE TARGET AREAS OR FIRING LOCATIONS. ON 1 APRIL, UNIDENTIFIED REGIMENTAL ELEMENTS (NO RD'S) WERE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS, NEAR XD 958 461(16-41N 1Ø6-48E), APPROXIMATELY EIGHT KILOMETERS WEST OF FSB SARGE(YDØ29478, 16-42N 1Ø6-52E); NEAR XD 958 667 (16-52N 1Ø6-48E), APPROXI- MATELY NINE KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF FSB FULLER(YDØ19 593, 16-48N 1Ø6-51E); AND NEAR XD 928 459 (16-41N 1Ø6-47E), APPROXIMATELY 12 KILOMETERS WEST OF KHE SANH COMBAT BASE (XD 848 417 , 16-38, 1Ø6-42E). TACREPS NR 11Ø2-71, 11Ø4-71, 11Ø6-71 PASEP USM-8Ø8/HOTEL Ø1Ø233Z, Ø1Ø621Z, Ø1Ø643Z MAR 71; 2/F1/VCM/T2514-71, T2515-71; AND USM -645 TRANSLATION NR 681-71) E. NVA 38TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT, A MESSAGE ON 31 MARCH BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 38TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT NOTED THAT AN ALLIED HELICOPTER FLEW OVER A POSSIBLE COMMAND POST AT HIGHPOINT 2Ø2 (XD 988 722, 16-55N 1Ø6-51E OR XD 995 696, 16-53N 1Ø6-51E) (USM -645 TACREP NR 195-71) F. NVA 27ØTH INDEPENDENT REGIMENT, A MESSAGE ON 31 MARCH BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 27ØTH INDEPENDENT REGIMENT REVEALED THAT COMPANY 27 (SUBORDINATE TO THE 6TH AAA BATTALION, 27ØTH INDEPENDENT REGIMENT) HAD SHOT DOWN ONE OH6 (LIGHT OBSERVATION HEKOCOPTER). REPORTEDLY 48 UNSPECIFIED ROUNDS HAD BEEN EXPENDED AND UNSPECIFIED ELEMENTS WERE TO GO OUT TO PICK UP EVIDENCE. (2/F1/VCM/T2526-71) II. MILITARY REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE (MR TTH); NVA 324B DIVISION, THE HQ, 6TH BATTALION, 812TH REGIMENT, NVA 324B DIVISION HAS NOT BEEN OVSERVED IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE HQ, 812TH REGIMENT SINCE 25 MARCH. PRIOR TO THIS, THESE ENTITIES HAD MAINTAINED NEAR DAILY COMMUNICATIONS. THE HQ, 6TH BATTALION WAS LAST LOCATED ON 11 MARCH NEAR YDØØØ 194(16-27N 1Ø6-51E), PLACING THIS ENTITY APPROXIMATELY 32 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF KHE SANH COMBAT BASE (XD 848 417, 16-38N 1Ø6-42E) IN THE LAOTIAN SALIENT. XXHH 9ØØ #Ø165 NNNN

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