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FOLLOW-UPS) (SECRET SAVIN) 3. PR OBABLE CAPTURE AND TRANSPORT OF U.S. PILOTS TO HANOI DURING A 26 NOVEMBER CONVERSATION ON NORTH VIETNAM AIR FORCE (NVAF) AIRFIELD SUPPORT FACILITIES, TWO SPEAKERS REFERRED TO THE CAPTURE AND PROBABLE AIR TRANSPORT TO HANOI OF THO U.S. PILOTS WHO HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN OVER NORTH VIETNAM. ACCORDING TO THE SPEAKERS, ONE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN BY A MISSILE AND ONE OF THE TWO PILOTS HAD DIED WHILE THE OTHER HAD BEEN CAPTURED. THE SPEAKER ALSO STATED THAT ANOTHER AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN AND THAT THE PILOT HAD BEEN CAPTURED. THE PROBLEM OF TRANSPORTING THE TWO PILOTS TO HANOI WAS THEN DISCUSSED. THE SPEAKER STATED THAT AN-2. S MOULD BE USED, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW HOM MANY BECAUSE IT HAD NOT BEEN DECIDED WHETHER TO BRING THE PILOTS BACK TOGETHER OR NOT. ONE OF THE PILOTS WAS REPORTED TO BE IN THE QUANG BINH AREA WHILE THE OTHER WAS IN THE DO LUDONG/DIEN CHAU AREA JUST NORTH OF VINII. A NORTH VIETNAMESE AN-2 TRANSPORT PERFORMED TWO FLIGHTS TO VINH ON 26 NOVEMBER. THE FIRST FLIGHT WAS FROM BAI THUONG TO VINH AND THEN THE AIRCRAFT FLEW TO PHUC YEN. THE TRANSPORT RETURNED TO VINH HERE IT REMAINED ONLY A FEW MINUTES BEFORE FLYING BACK TO BAI THUON G. (2/H3/VCK/R614-68, 26#4#7Z AND FOLLOW-UPS) (SECRET SAVIN) III. LAOS A. LAOTIAN MILITARY SITUATION TWO "RED CHI NESE" BATTALIONS, FORMERLY LOCATED 2 KM NORTHWEST OF MUONG SAI (2#-41N 1#1-59E, RC 1289) IN MR 1, REPORTEDLY SEPARATED ON 2# NOVEMBER, ONE BATTALION GOING TO AN AREA 3 KM NORTHEAST OF MUONG HOUN (2#-88N 1#1-27E, QC 5828) AND THE OTHER TO AN AREA 3 KM SOUTHWEST OF BAN NAM BAC (2#-38N 1#2-28E, TH 3584). ACCORDING TO THE 26 NOVEMBER RLA MESSAGE, THE INTENTION OF THESE UNITS IS NOT KNOWN. TO THE SOUTH

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IN MR 4, A TOTAL OF 18 COMMUNIST BATTALIONS (12 NVA AND 6 PATHET LAO) WERE REPORTED ACTIVE, AS OF 25 NOVEMBER. EIGHT OF THESE BATTALIONS WERE LOCATED IN THE BAN LAO NGAM (15-28N 186-18E, XC 2618)—SARAVANE (15-43N 186-26E, XC 5338) AREA, WHILE THE REMAINING EI GHT BATTALIONS WERE REPORTEDLY LOCATED TO THE SOUTH OF THAT AREA. ALSO IN MR 4, THE POSITION OF RLA VOLUNTEER BATTALION (BV) 46, LOCATED AT BAN THA TENG (15-26N 186-23E, XC 4986), WAS "HEAVILY ATTACKED" BY ONE COMMUNIST BATTALION ON 26 NOVEMBER. ACCORDING TO RLA REPORTS, THE POSITION REMAINED IN THE HANDS OF BV 46, BUT THE UNIT SUFFERED 11 KILLED AND 42 WOUNDED. COMMUNIST LOSSES WERE REPORTED LY 15 KILLED AND 3 WOUNDED. (24 PLSM/T378-68, 288254Z. 24 PLSM/T1373-68, 27842ZZ. T1374-68, 278526Z. 2/GD/LSM/T993-68, 27282IZ) (SECRE T SAVIN) XXHH 988 NNNN

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