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ALFA ZEM T O P S E C R E T U M B R A SECTION FIVE XXMMENP05-TB21031 CONTAINS ISHTAR
(IN PARAGRAPHS SO MARKED) 3/001 PR69-71 NATIONAL LACURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST
ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC ON THE NIGHT OF 20-21 MARCH THE VC/NVA LAUNCHED A
6-1/2 HOUR ATTACK ON CAMBODIAN ELEMENTS LOCATED AT TONLE BATI, LOCATED ABOUT 29
KM SOUTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH. ONE CAMBODIAN WAS KILLED AND FIVE OTHERS WERE
WOUNDED DURING THE ATTACK. ON 18 MARCH, 200 VC/NVA WERE CONCENTRATED IN A
FOREST APPROXIMATELY 24 KM EAST OF PHNOM PENH. (2/G1/CEY/T1186-71, 181501Z;
T1195-71, 200425Z; T462-71, 201109Z) (SECRET SPOKE) 2. MILITARY REGION 1
RECENT CAMBODIAN COMMUNICATIONS REVEALED THE DOWNING OF A U.S. HELICOPTER. IN
KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, ON 20 MARCH AN AMERICAN HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN BY VC
ELEMENTS APPROXIMATELY 28 KM NORTHEAST OF KOMPONG CHAM CITY. THE TWO PILOTS
WERE WOUNDED AND THE HELICOPTER REPORTEDLY WAS BURNED. ON 18 MARCH, THE
COMMANDER OF THE MR 1 OPERATIONAL COMMAND POST REQUESTED A BATTALION TO
REINFORCE THE AUTONOMOUS INFANTRY REGIMENT, IN ORDER TO ENGAGE THE 9TH
DIVISION IN THE BOS KHOR REGION, LOCATED ABOUT 27 KM NORTHWEST OF KOMPONG
CHAM CITY. THIS IS A PROBABLE REFERENCE TO THE VC 9TH DIVISION; ACCORDING TO
DIRECTION FINDING OF 16 MARCH, THE HEADQUARTERS AND SUBORDINATE REGIMENTS ARE
LOCATED TO THE EAST OF THE MEKONG RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF THE CHUP PLANTATION.
IN SVAY RIENG PROVINCE, ELEMENTS OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST LONG AN SUBREGION
DISCUSSED COMMUNIST UNIT RELOCATIONS AND ALLIED OPERATIONS AND POSITIONS. ON 18
MARCH, THE SUSPECTED HQ, LONG AN SUBREGION INSTRUCTED A PERSONALITY AT THE
SUSPECTED SUBREGION COMMO-LIAISON STATION TO RETURN AND MEET ELEMENTS THAT WERE
MOVING DOWN IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR CMMBAT. THE PERSONALITY WAS TO ARRANGE FOR
MESSING AND BILLETING FACILITIES. THE SUBREGION ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE ALLIES
HAD DISCOVERED COMMUNIST PREPARATIONS TO STRIKE AN UNDETERMINED ARTILLERY BASE
AND WERE TAKING DEFENSIVE PRECAUTIONS. (ISHTAR) Y TER THE SAME DAY, BI AND
CHUYEN, INTELLIGENCE ASSO-CIATED PERSONALITIES OPERATING WITH THE 267TH MAIN
FORCE INFANTRY BATTALION, REPORTED ON ALLIED SWEEPS SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 1.
ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNISTS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE ALLIED SWEEPS IS TO SET UP
MONITORING DEVICES. FURTHER, ARVN TASK FORCE (TF) 225 WAS STILL SWEEPING NORTH
OF HIGHWAY 1. ON 20 MARCH, BI FILED A 20 MARCHSREPORT ON TF 225, THEN STATED
THAT HE HAD FINISHED HANDING OVER HIS DUTIES TO CHUYEN AND THAT HE WOULD RETURN
TO THE ((MILITARY INTELLIGENCE)) SECTION THE NEXT DAY AS DIRECTED. (ISHTAR) IN
OTHER ACTIVITY, ON 19 MARCH THE FORWARD ELEMENT, SUBREGION 1 WAS LOCATED IN
PREY VENG PROVINCE AT WT 485781 (11-33N 105-26E), ABOUT 29 KM WEST-SOUTHWEST OF
ITS 15 MARCH POSITION1/ TO THE NORTHEAST ON 19 MARCH THE SUSPECTED HQ, NVA
209TH REGIMENT WAS LOCATED IN THE KOMPONG CHAM-KRATIE PROVINCE BORDER AREA AT
XU 259159 (11-54N 106-09E), APPROXIMATELY 19 KM WEST-SOUTHWEST OF ITS 10 MARCH

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LOCATION. (2/GI/CEY/T1180-71, 180725Z; T1201-71, 210505Z, 210505Z/VCM/T0530-71, 202027Z; T0527-71, 201514Z; T0519-71, 191200Z; T0516-71, 19082619) ~~(SECRET SPOKE ISHTAR)~~ 3. MILITARY REGION 2 THE LOCATION OF A LARGE ENEMY GROUP AND THE VISIT OF A U.S. GENERAL TO MR 2 WERE DISCLOSED IN RECENT CAMBODIAN COMMUNICATIONS. IN KOMPONG SPEU PROVINCE, ON 18 MARCH, 500 VC WERE LOCATED AT A POINT APPROXIMATELY 30 KM NORTHWEST OF THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL, MOVING SOUTHWARD. GENERAL METAXIS, CHIEF OF THE U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT DELIVERY TEAM, IN CAMBODIA, ACCOMPANIED BY FOUR U.S. OFFICERS, WAS TO VISIT THE COMMANDING OFFICERS OF MR 2 AND OF THE ARMORED BRIGADE ON 18 MARCH, ACCORDING TO A 17 MARCH CAMBODIAN MESSAGE; ON 20 MARCH THE SUSPECTED HQ, 6TH BATTALION, NVA 18B REGIMENT WAS LOCATED IN SOUTHERN TAKEO PROVINCE AT VS 835795 (12-28N 106-41E) APPROXIMATELY 14 KM EAST OF ITS 11 MARCH POSITION. (2/GI/CEY/T1183-71, 181317Z; T1192-71, 190125Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 4. MILITARY REGION 3 A SKIRMISH BETWEEN CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ELEMENTS AND THE RELOCATION OF A LARGE ENEMY GROUP WERE REVEALED IN RECENT CAMBODIAN COMMUNICATIONS. IN KOMPONG CHHNANG PROVINCE ON 20 MARCH AT 0915G, CAMBODIAN OPERATIONAL ELEMENTS SKIRMISHED WITH AN ESTIMATED 300 VC/NVA 6 KM SOUTHEAST OF ROMEAS. AT 1215G THIS SKIRMISH WAS STILL IN PROGRESS WITH CAMBODIAN LOSSES BEING REPORTED AS THREE WOUNDED WHILE ENEMY LOSSES WERE LISTED AS THREE KILLED. IN SANGKUN MEAN CHEY SUB-PROVINCE ON 21 MARCH, 200-300 VC/NVA REGROUPED AND WITHDREW TO A POINT 20 KM EAST OF MAUNG FOLLOWING A SKIRMISH WITH CAMBODIAN FORCES. (2/GI/CEY/T1197-71, 200745Z; T1202-71, 210630Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ XXHH 900 #3226 NNNN

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