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SUMMARY OF VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE DMZ, DRV, MILITARY REGION TRI
-THIEN - HUE, NORTHERN MR-5 AND LAOS WHICH HAS BECOME AVAILABLE DURING
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SITUATION SUMMARY, IN NORTH VIETNAM, UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE QUANG BINH PROVINCIAL UNIT REFERENCED AIR STRIKES, WHILE IN THE DMZ AREA, NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED IN COMMUNICATIONS. IN NORTHERN MR-5, UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF FRONT FOUR REFERENCED A TIME FOR OPEN FIRE. FINALLY, COMMUNICATIONS SERVING THE GENERAL DIRECTOR-ATE OF REAR SERVICES WERE HIGHLIGHTED BY A BINH TRAM 37 REPORT ON AIR STRIKES. I. NORTH VIETNAM A. QUANG BINH PROVINCIAL UNIT (QBPU), A MESSAGE OF 16 FEBRUARY PASSED BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED QBPU ELEMENTS REVEALED THAT UN-SPECIFIED COMMUNIST PERSONNEL SAW ONE F4 AIRCRAFT DROP BOMBS WHICH COMPLETELY RUINED BANG LE (UNLOCATED), THAT THREE CLUSTERS OF BOMBS EFFECTIVELY RIPPED UP ON OF OUT CROSSROADS, THAT TEN AIRCRAFT FLEW INTO LAOS, AND THAT ONE NAVY F4 FLEW OVER THE LY DUC BRIDGE (UNLOCATED) AND BIEN NGU THUY (UNLOCATED). ALSO, ONE F4 AIRCRAFT FLEW OVER KM 18 (LOCATED VICINITY OF EITHER YC 079 980, 16-14N 106-56E OR XD 673 056, 16-20N 106-34E) AND THAI THUY (UNLOCATED). ONE F4 DROPPED ONE LOAD OF BOMBS POSSIBLY KILLING THREE CIVILIANS AT BIEN NGU THUY AND ANOTHER F4 DROPPED ON COMPANY 7 (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) AND DROPPED FIRE BOMBS. (2/F1/VCM/10730-72) MESSAGE REFERENCED ACTIVITY OF 17 FEBRUARY BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED QBPU ELEMENTS REFERENCED SHOOTING DOWN ONE AMERICAN PLANE OVER THE CITY AND CAPTURING TWO PILOTS. ANOTHER MESSAGE STATED THAT ONE F4 AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN AT HON TAC XAY (UNLOCATED) AND THAT POSSIBLE TROOPS IN THAT AREA HAD CAPTURED TWO PILOTS. ONE PILOT, 27 YEARS OLD, A LIEUTENANT, WAS WOUNDED AND THE OTHER PILOT, A CAPTAIN, WAS 23 YEARS OLD. THE MESSAGE FURTHER REFERENCED IN UNCLEAR TEXT HUYEN DOI (PROBABLE DISTRICT UNIT), LE THUY (SOUTHERN MOST ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE) AND POSSIBLY FOUR PEOPLE WOUNDED AND ONE DEAD. FINALLY, A MESSAGE REPORTED THAT ROCKETS SHOT ENEMY PLANES AND THAT THE STANDBY ORGANIZATION OF 12.7 MM FIREPOWER WAS READY TO STRIKE THE ENEMY. (2/F1/VCM/10729-72, 10728-72, AND 10726-72) A MESSAGE PASSED ON 27 FEBRUARY FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED QBPU ELEMENT TO ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED QBPU ELEMENT (D2365) REPORTED THAT ONE F4 AIRCRAFT FLEW SOUTH OF THE CROSSROADS AT TRACH BAN (XE 870 070, 17-1E N 106-45E OR XE 878 005, 17-11N 106-46E) ON HIGHWAY ONE, -," 503 .3??-GE FURTHER REFERENCED IN UNCLEAR TEXT CAM LY (XE 815 057, 17-14N 106-42E), IT WAS FURTHER REVEALED THAT TWO ROCKETS WERE FIRED FROM KILOMETER 4 (UNLOCATED) ON HIGHWAY ONE, THAT TWO F4'S OFF THE COAST OF CAM LY CAME ONTO HIGHWAY 13 (UNLOCATED), AND THAT THERE WERE TWO LOADS OF BOMBS AT BANG MAT (UNLOCATED). ASXO, ONE ROCKET RETURNED FIRE AND EXPLODED TO THE NORTHWEST. THE MESSAGE FURTHER REFERENCED SHOOTING DOWN ONE F4. (2/F1/VCM/10734-72) ON 17 FEBRUARY, A MESSAGE PASSED

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BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED QBPV ASSOCIATES REPORTED THAT THE FORCES CAPTURED AN AMERICAN PILOT, AND FURTHER DIRECTED UNSPECIFIED COMMUNIST PERSONNEL TO MOBILIZE WHEN THE AIRCRAFT ARE SHOT DOWN. (2/F1/VCM/T0739-72) B. UNIDENTIFIED, A MESSAGE PASSED ON 17 FEBRUARY BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED AND UNLOCATED NVA ELEMENT STATED THAT F4 AND/OR F105 AIRCRAFT STRUCK THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS, LA HOA (YD 110 849, 17-01N 10635.3); BAI HA (XD 989 814, 17-00N 106-52E); C3 AREA (UNIDENTIFIED DESIGNATOR); SEN SON (UNLOCATED); QUANG XA (YD 075 868, 17-03N 106-56E OR YD 158 678, 16-52N 107 -01 E OR XE 779 182, 17-20N 106-40E, YD 163 833, 17-00N 107-01E); PHU CUONG (UNLOCATED); MILE 3 ON ROUTE 7, NUMBER 16 (UNLOCATED); CAU THIEN (UNLOCATED); HIGH POINT 43 (YD 071 731, 16-55N 106-56E 0J YD 106 730, 16-55N 106-58E OR YD 130 758, 16-57N 106 -59E OR YD 128 769, 16-57N 106-59E); CON TIEN AREA ALONG ROUTE 18 (ALSO KNOWN AS U.S. ROUTES 1039/92A); NAU DINH (POSSIBLE DESIGNATOR FOR TRUNG SON YD 170 735, 16;5N 107-01E); ONG CAY (VICINITY OF XD 98 68, 16-53N 106-51E); AND 33 (UNIDENTIFIED DESIGNATOR) (2/F1/VCM/T0735-72) XXHH 700 00154 NNNNZ

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