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SUBJECT 1. CAPTURE OF AN AMERICAN PILOT NEAR STUNG
IRENG

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE IN THE STUNG IRENG,
SIEM PANG, VIRACHEY, KOMPONG SRALAU AND
CHHEP KANDAL AREAS OF NORTHERN CAMBODIA

*with
CIA*

ACQ LAOS, VIENTIANE. /29 AUGUST - 2 SEPTEMBER 1970/

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SUMMARY. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS 13 KILOMETERS /KMS/

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EAST OF STUNG TRENG DOWNED ONE AIRCRAFT RESULTING IN THE CAPTURE OF ONE AMERICAN AND ONE CAMBODIA PILOT. THE 604TH BATTALION WAS STATIONED SIX KMS FROM STUNG TRENG AND THE SECOND KHMER ROUGE COMPANY WAS LOCATED 21 KMS SOUTHEAST OF SIEM PANG. ABOUT 1,100 ENEMY TROOPS WERE STATIONED 25 KMS WEST OF STUNG TRENG. COMPANY-SIZED ENEMY UNITS WERE REPORTED FROM 20 TO 30 KMS NORTH OF CHHEP KANDAL. ALMOST 2,000 MEN AND WOMEN WERE REPORTEDLY RECEIVING TRAINING ON AN ISLAND IN THE MEKONG LESS THAN ONE KILOMETER SOUTH OF KHONG ISLAND. TROOP MOVEMENTS AND SUPPLY ACTIVITIES IN THE SIEM PANG AND VIRACHEY AEA WERE REPORTED. END OF SUMMARY.

1. [REDACTED] REPORTED ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1970 THAT AN AIRPLANE WAS SHOT DOWN OVER UAMPUN /XV 186983/, ABOUT 13 KILOMETERS /KMS/ EAST OF STUNG TRENG /XV 0595/, RESULTING IN THE CAPTURE OF ONE AMERICAN PILOT AND ONE CAMBODIAN PILOT. THE PILOTS WERE SENT TO MUANG KA CHEN /PHONETIC - UNLOCATED/. TWO ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS WERE LOCATED IN KHAMPHUN. [REDACTED] COMMENT. [REDACTED] HAD NOT FURTHER INFORMATION OF THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT, TIME OF INCIDENT, OR IDENTITIES AND [REDACTED]

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DISPOSITION OF THE TWO PILOTS. AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT SITE IS CONFIRMED BY ORDER OF BATTLE HOLDINGS AT XV 1094 NEAR THE STUNG TRENG AIRFIELD ABOUT 10 KMS FROM THE REPORTED LOCATION./

2. THE 504TH BATTALION /BN/, UNDER THE COMMAND OF T H I E U, WAS IN THE VICINITY OF DONG /JUNGLE/ NAPAN /NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED/, WHICH IS ABOUT SIX KMS FROM STUNG TRENG. [REDACTED] COMMENT. THIEU MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH MAJOR NGUYEN VAN THIEU WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TRANSFERRED TO STUNG TRENG FROM KOMPONG SRALAU /VA 845568./ TWO KHMER ROUGE /KR/ COMPANIES WERE LOCATED AT PHUM HANG SAVAT 142975/, NINE KMS EAST OF STUNG TRENG, AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF KR LOCAL DEFENSE TROOPS WERE IN PKUM CHAN TA NGOY /XB /XV 139994/, NINE KMS NORTHEAST OF STUNG TRENG. TWO COMPANIES OF THE 25TH NVA/KR BN COMMANDED BY KR GENERAL L E U N E, AND AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN, WERE STATIONED ALONG THE TALONG STREAM AT XB 086945, THREE KMS EAST OF STUNG TRENG. T H A WAS IDENTIFIED AS A PROVINCE COMMITTEEMAN AND /THAO/ K E T AS A DISTRICT COMMITTEEMAN IN STUNG TRENG.

3. THE SECOND KR COMPANY, COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN P O N E AND SUBORDINATE TO THE 408TH NVA/KR BN COMMANDED

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BY NVA LIEUTENANT COLONEL D E U Y, WAS STATIONED AT XA 3252, ABOUT 21 KMS SOUTHWEST OF SIEM PANG /XA 5061/ ON 2 SEPTEMBER. THEY WERE ARMED WITH TWO 82MM MORTARS, THREE 60MM MORTARS, 15 B-40 ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND SMALL ARMS, AND HAD 25 CASES OF UNIDENTIFIED AMMUNITION FOR CHEW-SERVED WEAPONS. EACH MAN IN THE COMPANY CARRIED AN 82MM MORTAR ROUND. THE COMPANY CONSCRIPTED COOLIES, THREE BUFFALO, 50 PIGS AND 25 CANS OF RICE FROM A VILLAGE IN THE VICINITY OF XA 3963.

4. ON 29 AUGUST 1,100 PATHET LAO /PL/, NVA AND KR TROOPS WERE LOCATED AT WA 573527, ABOUT 25 KMS WEST OF KOMPONG SRALAU. THEY WERE ARMED WITH EIGHT 82MM MORTARS, NINE 12.7MM HEAVY MACHINE GUNS AND SMALL ARMS.

5. ~~AN INFORMANT~~ REPORTED THAT 70 ENEMY TROOPS /NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED/, COMMANDED BY NVA LIEUTENANT M E N G, WERE STATIONED IN BAN PACHIA /WA 426498/, APPROXIMATELY 29 KMS NORTH OF CHNEP KANDAL /WA 4421/, ON 31 AUGUST. THEY WERE ARMED WITH FOUR 12.7MM MACHINE GUNS, TWO B-40'S, 50 AK RIFLES AND FOUR UNIDENTIFIED WEAPONS WITH BANANA MAGAZINES. A SECOND INFORMANT REPORTED THAT THE 4TH NVA

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COMPANY, COMMANDED BY S U N G, WAS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 20 KMS NORTH OF CHHEP KANDAL AT WA 413417, AND CONSISTED OF 90 NVA SOLDIERS ARMED WITH NINE 82MM MORTARS, FOUR 12.7MM MACHINE GUNS, FOUR BAZOOKAS, SEVEN B-40'S, 30 AK RIFLES, 30 CARBINES AND 16 SKS RIFLES. [REDACTED] COMMENT.

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN REPORTING COMPANY-SIZED UNITS WITH AN INORDINATE NUMBER OF 82MM MORTARS AND 12.7MM MACHINE GUNS. THE ENEMY MAY HAVE UNCACKED THESE WEAPONS TO DISTRIBUTE TO UNITS THEY INTEND TO BUILD UP WITH CAMBODIAN RECRUITS INTO NVA/KR BATTALIONS./

6. AN INFORMANT REPORTED ON 29 AUGUST THAT THERE WERE 1,500 MEN AND 400 WOMEN KR RECRUITS BEING TRAINED BY THE NVA IN THE USE OF WEAPONS AT WA 893565. [REDACTED] COMMENT. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THIS MANY PEOPLE WERE BEING TRAINED AT THIS LOCATION, WHICH IS ON THE LAO ISLAND OF DON PHOUMAN, LESS THAN ONE KILOMETER SOUTH OF KHONG ISLAND /WA 9060/. FIVE NVA COMPANIES FROM KOMPONG THOM /VV 8805/ WERE STATIONED AT DONG KADEN /WA 800500/, EIGHT KMS SOUTH OF KOMPONG SRALAU. FOUR JET AIRCRAFT STRUCK THE ENEMY POSITION AT DONG KADEN AT 0815 HOURS ON 30 AUGUST.

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7. AN INFORMANT REPORTED ON 29 AUGUST THAT NVA, PL AND ETHNIC CHINESE TROOPS TRANSPORTED SUPPLIES FROM SIEM PANG TO PHUM KHEH KRAOM /XA 4261/, EIGHT KMS WEST TO SIEM PANG. KHEH DRAOM WAS A SUPPLY TRANSFER POINT OF THE 606TH BN. THE 606TH BN, COMMANDED BY NVA MAJOR T H E U N G AND DEPUTY COMMANDER LIEUTENANT C H I , HAD ITS RICE, AMMUNITION AND CLOTHING STORAGE DEPOT IN KHEH KRAOM. [REDACTED] COMMENT. AS INDICATED ABOVE, THE REPORTED CHINESE TROOPS ARE PROBABLY ETHNIC CAMBODIAN CHINESE WHO FLED FROM THE CITIES TO JOIN COMMUNIST FORCES FOLLOWING THE OUSTER OF SIHANOUK OR POSSIBLY NORTH VIETNAMESE CADRES FROM NORTH VIETNAMESE/ CHINESE BORDER PROVINCES WHO REPORTEDLY WERE TRANSFERRED FROM DUTY IN SOUTH VIETNAM TO CAMBODIA, AS OPPOSED TO REGULAR MAINLAND CHINESE TROOPS./

8. AT 1800 HOURS ON 29 AUGUST A MOTOR BOAT TRANSPORTED SALT TOWARD MUONG SATING /UNLOCATED/ AND WAS SCHEDULED TO RETURN ON 23 SEPTEMBER. [REDACTED] COMMENT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTING THIS INFORMATION WAS LOCATED NEAR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY 19 KMS NORTHEAST OF STUNG TRENG AT THE

TIME./

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9. AN ENEMY PLATOON LED BY C H E U , 25 YEARS OLD, ENTERED A VILLAGE APPROXIMATELY 41 KMS NORTHEAST OF VIRACHEY /XA 961456/ AT KA 287699 ON 2 SEPTEMBER AND CONSCRIPTED 15 CANS OF RICE AND OTHER FOOD. CHEU HAS BEEN A GUERRILLA LEADER IN THIS AREA FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS. THE INFORMANT HAS NEVER SEEN COMPANY OR BATTALION-SIZED ENEMY UNITS IN THIS AREA.

10. NVA TROOPS WERE LIVING IN VILLAGES IN THE VICINITY OF VA 9534, APPROXIMATELY 40 KMS NORTHWEST OF STUNG TRENG, TO AVOID AIR STRIKES WHICH HIT THE AREA BEGINNING 30 AUGUST.

11. FIELD DISSEM. STATE ARMY AIR CINCPAC ARPAC PACAF PACFLT MACV 7TH AF [REDACTED]

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