

On the night of 22-23 April approximately 80 trucks were reported moving south in the area of the Mu Gia Pass. This is the first significant south-bound convoy spotted in the pass this month, and is far in excess of the average of five trucks a day moving southward through the pass during the first three weeks of April.

Such activity may be a Communist effort to rush additional supplies through the infiltration corridor before the heavy spring rains make some of the Lao-tian roads impassable. The rainy season does not normally hit the panhandle until June but there are indications that it may be early this year--standing water and deep mud have been observed along parts of Route 23 and Route 91. (Map)

The Military Situation in South Vietnam: No significant contact with Communist forces has been reported in South Vietnam since the heavy enemy artillery, rocket, and mortar attacks in northern I Corps on 27 and 28 April. [REDACTED]

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