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COUNTRY	LAOS	REPORT NO.	[REDACTED]
SUBJECT	MILITARY ACTIVITY IN NAM THA, LUANG PRABANG, XIENG KHOUANG, AND SAM NEUA PROVINCES	DATE DISTR.	4 OCTOBER 1962
PRECEDENCE	ROUTINE	REFERENCES	[REDACTED]
DATE OF INFO.	20 - 29 SEPTEMBER 1962	FIELD REPORT NO.	FOV 5984
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	LAOS, VIENTIANE (3-4 OCTOBER 1962)		
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1. ON 27 SEPTEMBER 62 AN ENEMY UNIT AT PHOU MA (TG 9945) SHELLED A FRIENDLY UNIT AT BAN OR (TG 9142) WITH THREE ROUNDS OF 81MM MORTAR FIRE.

2. ON 20 SEPTEMBER A FRIENDLY PATROL FROM PC 7385 REPORTED HAVING OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY THREE ENEMY BATTALIONS AT QD 5119. THE ENEMY WAS EQUIPPED WITH ABOUT 20 MORTARS, TEN ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS, AND 30 LIGHT MACHINE GUNS. THE FRIENDLY PATROL ALSO REPORTED THAT ON 20 SEPTEMBER AT 1630 HOURS THREE WHITE AIRCRAFT (UNIDENTIFIED) FLEW FROM THE NORTHEAST TO THE SOUTHWEST OVER QD 5119 WHERE THEY MADE AN AIRDROP.

3. ON 23 SEPTEMBER A VILLAGER FROM BAN HUOT (UG 5964)

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REPORTED HAVING OBSERVED ENEMY IN THE AREA AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

A. UG 5071 - APPROXIMATELY 300 VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS (VC) AND 500 PATHET LAO (PL).

B. UG 5966 - 150 VC AND 100 PL EQUIPPED WITH ONE 60MM MORTAR.

C. UG 6763 - 50 VC AND 400 PL EQUIPPED WITH ONE 60MM MORTAR.

D. UG 6367 - 150 VC AND 50 PL

E. UG 6863 - 100 VC EQUIPPED WITH ONE 60MM MORTAR.

F. UG 4273 - 100 VC

G. UG 4472 - 200 VC

H. UG 4572 - 100 VC

COMMENT: NUMBERS OF VC ARE POSSIBLY EXAGGERATED.

LOCATIONS CANNOT BE CONFIRMED AS THIS IS THE FIRST DETAILED INFORMATION TO DATE ON EMPLACEMENTS IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA.

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4. ON 26 SEPTEMBER A FRIENDLY [REDACTED] VISITED MUONG TAE (UG 4861). HE MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS THERE:

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A. 12 VC ARRIVED IN MUONG TAE FROM SAN TIAU (UG 4955) AND BOUGHT A BUFFALO FOR 5,000 KIP.

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B. EIGHT PL AND 140 COOLIES WERE AT MUONG TAI PREPARING TO TRANSPORT SUPPLIES TO IS TIAU. 30 COOLIES CARRIED 100 ROUNDS OF 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLE SHELLS; 20 COOLIES CARRIED 60 ROUNDS OF 81MM MORTAR SHELL; AND TEN COOLIES CARRIED RICE. [REDACTED]

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C. [REDACTED] THERE WERE 15 VC GUARDING A RICE STORAGE DUMP AT BAN PIET (UG 5761), AND THAT THE GUARDS HAD ARRIVED ON 17 SEPTAMBER FROM PA KOUM (UG 5261). [REDACTED]

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5. FRIENDLY PATROLS REPORTED HAVING OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING ENEMY LOCATIONS AS OF 29 SEPTEMBER:

A. MUONG HIEM (UG 2825) - 50 KONG LE (KL) TROOPS EQUIPPED WITH ONE 60MM MORTAR AND ONE 81MM MORTAR.

B. PHOUNG HAI (UG 2816) - AN AIRFIELD LOCATION WHERE THERE WERE 60 PL EQUIPPED WITH ONE 60MM MORTAR. AT THE AIRFIELD WERE FOUR WHITE DOUBLE WING AIRCRAFT.

C. PIAN LAW (UH 2808) - 85 KL ARMED WITH ONE 60MM MORTAR.

6 ON 29 SEPTEMBER A FRIENDLY PILOT OBSERVED ACFT WITH "HIGH VERTICAL STABLIZERS SIMILAR TO A MIG" FLYING NORTH

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ALONG THE RIVER VALLEY OVER ABOUT TG 0069 TOWARD LUANG PRABANG.

ON 30 SEPTEMBER THE SAME PILOT OBSERVED AN IL-14 MAKING DROP

PASSES AT ABOUT QA 8345. IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED ON

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WHICH SIDE OF THE RIVER THE DROPS WERE MADE. [REDACTED] COMMENT.

THE PILOT HAD NO FURTHER DETAILS TO ADD ABOUT THE JET,

AND NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE

EXISTENCE OF JET AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA.)

7. [REDACTED] DISSEM:STATE ARMY USOM CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF
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