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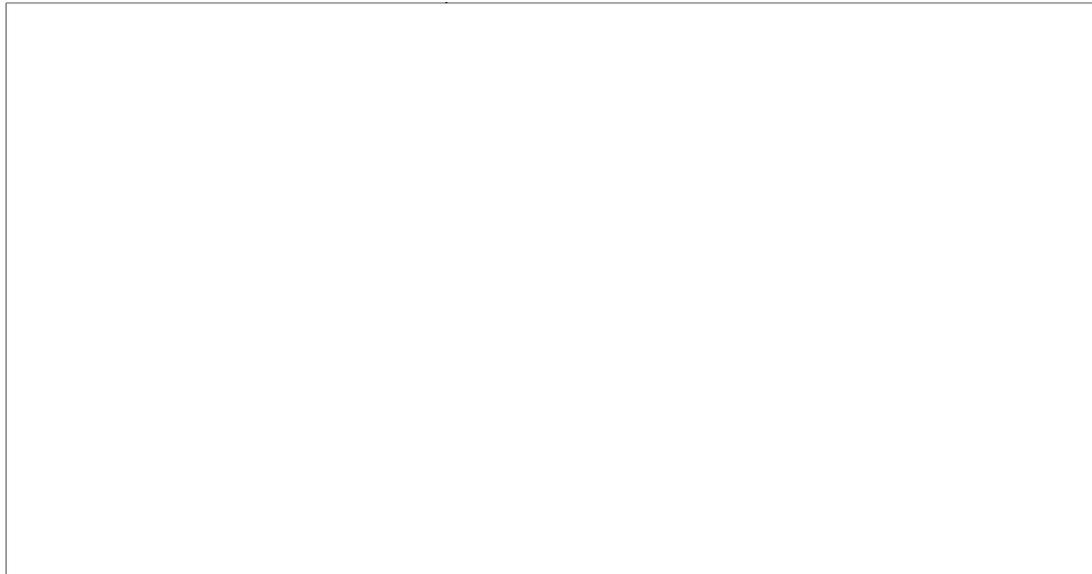
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SUBJECT: LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS OF THE 174TH NORTH VIETNAMESE,
ARMY REGIMENT IN NORTH VIETNAM AND INFILTRATION OF A
60-MAN DETACHMENT FROM THIS REGIMENT INTO LAOS

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1. THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 174TH NVA REGIMENT WAS AT NGHIA
LO (VJ 4987) IN NGHIA LO PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM, IN DECEMBER, 1967.
THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 1ST BATTALION OF THE REGIMENT WAS ABOUT

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55 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF NGHIA LO NEAR BAN COPHAY (VJ6333).

2. ON 6 DECEMBER A 60 - MAN DETACHMENT FROM THE 2ND COMPANY OF THE 1ST BATTALION OF THE 174TH REGIMENT WAS ORDERED TO LAOS. IT LEFT ON 8 DECEMBER AFTER ONLY TWO DAYS OF PREPARATION, ONLY HOI, THE COMMANDER OF THE DETACHMENT, KNEW ITS EXACT DESTINATION IN LAOS. THE DETACHMENT MARCHED FIRST TO SON LA (UJ 8859), FROM THERE SOUTH ON ROUTE 6 TO MAI SON (UJ 9546), THEN SOUTH ACROSS THE SONG (RIVER) MA INTO LAOS TO NONG KHANG (VH 0580). FROM NONG KHAN THE DETACHMENT WALKED WEST TO THE VICINITY OF BAN HOU EI NAM. EVERY FIVE DAYS DURING THE 20-DAY TRIP WHICH IT MADE MAINLY ALONG JUNGLE TRAILS, THE DETACHMENT OBTAINED FOOD FROM SMALL BAMBOO AND THATCHED HUTS PLACED ALONG THE ROUTE [] COMMENT: 3.3(h)(2)

3.3(h)(2) [] DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE 60 MAN UNIT WAS A REPLACEMENT CONTINGENT OR NEW REINFORCEMENTS AUGMENTING CURRENT NVA TROOP STRENGTH IN NORTHEAST LAOS.)

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