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COUNTRY: LAOS  
DOI: 2 - 16 DECEMBER 1967  
SUBJECT: ENEMY TROOP DISPOSITIONS AND SUPPORT INSTALLATIONS  
EAST OF PHOU PHA THI, SITE 85, AND SOUTHWEST OF SAK  
NEUA IN HOUA PHAN PROVINCE

ACQ: LAOS, VIENTIANE (24 DECEMBER 1967) FIELD NO. [REDACTED]

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1. ACCORDING TO A RESIDENT OF THE UH 973462 AREA, ON  
2 DECEMBER 1967 HE AND APPROXIMATELY 80 OTHER COOLIES CARRIED  
RICE AND AMMUNITION FROM MUONG HAM (UH 9747) TO UH 864494 AND  
UH 832515. AT UH 864494 THERE WERE THREE RICE DEPOTS  
AND TWO PATHET LAO (PL)/NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) BATTALIONS.  
AT UH 832515 THERE WERE EIGHT COMPANIES OF PL/NVA TROOPS AND

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ONE RICE DEPOT WHICH WAS SIX METERS LONG AND FOUR METERS WIDE.

(FILED COMMENT: PHOTOGRAPHY  
OF 30 AUGUST 1967 REVEALED THAT

UM 864494 WAS ON A LIGHT BRUSH AND TREE-COVERED RIDGE SOUTH OF  
ABANDONED BAN THEM THONG (UM 864495). LIGHTLY USED FOOT TRAILS  
WERE IN THE AREA BUT THE TRAILS DID NOT APPEAR LARGE ENOUGH  
TO SUPPORT A BIVOUAC. NO BUILDINGS WERE OBSERVED AT UM 864494.  
UM 832515 WAS IN A LIGHT TREE-COVERED AREA ON THE WEST SIDE OF A  
RICE-PADDY VALLEY WHICH RUNS NORTH FROM MUONG SANG (UM 83508).  
LIGHTLY USED FOOT TRAILS RAN FROM UM 832515 TO A POSSIBLE BIVOUAC  
NEARBY, BUT NO BUILDINGS WERE OBSERVED UNDER THE TREE COVER.

(DESCRIBED ENEMY TROOPS LOCATIONS IN THE MUONG SANG AREA.)

2. ACCORDING TO VILLAGERS OF THE UM 8274 AREA, 22  
KILOMETERS (KM) NORTHEAST OF PHOU PHA THI, ON 5 DECEMBER  
TWO PL/MVA BATTALIONS MOVED FROM SAN NEUA (VH 0157) TO THE  
UM 8274 AREA. THE ENEMY TROOPS TOLD VILLAGERS THAT THEY WOULD  
ATTACK HOUEI KHAMOUN (UM 8868) AND PHOU PHA THI IN DECEMBER.

3. ACCORDING TO A VILLAGER OF THE UM 937439 AREA, AS OF  
25 DECEMBER THERE WAS ONE ENEMY BATTALION AT VH 014454 AND

ONE RADIO STATION. (FIELD COMMENT: [REDACTED] /REPORTED  
RICE STORAGE AREAS AT HOUEI HAK (UH 999395) AND VH 022429.)

4. ACCORDING TO A RESIDENT OF PA TOM (UH 7457), ON 15  
DECEMBER THE ENEMY MOVED 20 PEOPLE TO BAN PHA KHA (UH 822628) TO  
HELP DIG ENTRENCHMENTS AND FOXHOLES.

5. AS OF 16 DECEMBER ENEMY TROOPS WERE AT THE FOLLOWING  
POSITIONS EAST OF PHOU PHA THI:

- A. ONE BATTALION AT BAN PHA KHA
- B. ONE BATTALION WAS AT HOUEI CHAKOU (UH 834703)
- C. TWO COMPANIES WERE IN THE VICINITY OF UH 822638
- D. THREE COMPANIES WERE IN THE VICINITY OF UH 815592

6. (FIELD COMMENT: [REDACTED] /HAVE  
REPORTED RECENT ENEMY ACTIVITIES IN THE PHOU PHA THI AND PHOU PHA  
LOUAK (UH 9116) AREAS OF HOUA PHAN PROVINCE.)

7. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE  
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