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SUBJECT CASUALTIES AND RESULTS OF BOMB DAMAGE IN AND NEAR HANOI

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1. (SUMMARY: DURING THE 19 MAY BOMBING, DAMAGE TO BOTH THE KOREAN AND RUMANIAN EMBASSIES WAS REPORTED. IT IS RUMORED THAT 222 CASUALTIES WERE SUFFERED DURING THE BOMBINGS IN HANOI. IT IS ALSO RUMORED IN HANOI THAT A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS REESTABLISHED IN THE BONG AN AREA INCURRED DAMAGES. THE BOMB DAMAGE IS REPAIRED BY GROUPS OF CIVILIANS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, WORKING TOGETHER.)

2. DURING THE 19 MAY BOMBING THE PAVEMENT IN FRONT OF THE KOREAN EMBASSY (APPROXIMATELY WJ874254) ON TRAN PHU STREET WAS DAMAGED. A WIDELY ACCEPTED RUMOR IN HANOI IS THAT A VIETNAMESE WAS DECAPITATED ON THAT DATE IN A SIDEWALK BOMB-SHELTER LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE KOREAN

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EMBASSY. THE KOREANS THEMSELVES HAVE REPORTED THE BOMB DAMAGE TO THEIR ECONOMIC MISSION ON CAO BA QUAT STREET. [REDACTED]

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3. THE RUMANIAN DIPLOMATS HAVE ALSO REPORTED DAMAGE TO THEIR

EMBASSY LOCATED ON TRAN PHU STREET NEAR THE KOREAN EMBASSY, RESULTING FROM THE THREE BOMBINGS OF HANOI. [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] IT

IS RUMORED THAT 200 CASUALTIES WERE SUFFERED IN THE 19 TO 22 MAY BOMBINGS. (SOURCE COMMENT: IF THE RUMOR IS TRUE, IT IS CURIOUS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT OFFICIALLY REPORTED THESE FIGURES.)

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5. ANOTHER RUMOR CIRCULATING AMONG VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN HANOI IS THAT A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS WHICH WERE EVACUATED FROM HANOI AND REESTABLISHED IN THE DONG AN AREA (PROBABLY AT APPROXIMATELY WJ87338) HAVE ALSO BEEN DAMAGED BY THE BOMBING.

6. THE ATTACK ON THE GIA LAM RAILROAD WORKSHOPS (AT APPROXIMATELY WJ918277) DURING 29 APRIL TO 2 MAY WAS A FINE EXAMPLE OF PIN-POINT BOMBING. THE WORKSHOP AREA WAS LEVELLED WITH NO DAMAGE TO SURROUNDING BUILDINGS. ONE LOCOMOTIVE WAS BLOWN OUT OF THE RAILWAY YARD AND

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7. THE BOMB DAMAGE IN HANOI IS REPAIRED BY GROUPS OF CIVILIANS WORKING TOGETHER. SOMETIMES THESE GROUPS INCLUDE BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, AND SOMETIMES THE GROUPS ARE DIVIDED GROUPS OF YOUNG TO MIDDLE-AGED MEN DRESSED IN A TYPE OF UNIFORM COMPRISING TOPEE AND TAN SHIRTS AND TROUSERS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED WORKING AS UNITS REPAIRING THE BOMB DAMAGE. (SOURCE COMMENT: IT IS NOT KNOWN TO WHAT, IF ANY, ORGANIZATION THEY BELONG. THE MANNER OF MOBILIZING SUCH REPAIR PERSONNEL IS NOT KNOWN, HOWEVER, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE PAID FOR THEIR WORK SINCE IT WOULD BE HIGHLY ATYPICAL FOR THEM TO WORK ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.)

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