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SUBJECT: STATUS OF AREAS AROUND PHOU PHA THI, SITE 85,
WHERE ENEMY IS APPLYING PRESSURE

ACQ: LAOS, VIENTIANE (10 MARCH 1968)

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

1. AN AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE AT 1200 HOURS 10 MARCH 1968 REVEALED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON PLACES CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEFENSE OF PHOU PHA THI:

A. HOU EI MOUN (UH 5845): THE VILLAGE WAS DESERTED FOLLOWING RUMORS OF ENEMY ATTACK ON THE MORNING OF 10 MARCH. THE VILLAGERS APPARENTLY SCATTERED INTO THE JUNGLE. SOME ENEMY TROOPS WERE IN THE OPEN NEAR THIS LOCATION DURING THE EARLY AFTERNOON.

B. HOU EI MA (UH 6253): ALTHOUGH THE ENEMY STRUCK

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THIS VILLAGE EARLY ON 10 MARCH, ITS DEFENDERS WERE HOLDING ALL POSITIONS EXCEPT THE AIR STRIP. THE AIR STRIP WAS OFF LIMITS BECAUSE OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF INCOMING ENEMY MORTAR FIRE.

C. PHA BONG (UH 3653): THE AIR STRIP IN THE VICINITY OF THIS VILLAGE WAS IN ENEMY HANDS, BUT AUTO-DEFENSE DE CHOC (ADC) TROOPS HELD THE SURROUNDING HILLS. FOLLOWING STRIKES BY T-28 AIRCRAFT ON 10 MARCH ADC TROOPS WERE PREPARING TO COUNTERATTACK THE AREA AROUND THE AIR STRIP.

2. THE AREA AROUND PHOU CHE (UH 4364) WAS QUIET EARLY ON 10 MARCH. THE SITUATION THERE WAS NORMAL AT 1200 HOURS ALTHOUGH PATROL SIZED ENEMY UNITS HAD BEEN IN THE AREA EARLIER IN THE MORNING.

3. [REDACTED] DISSEM. STATE ARMY AIR USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE
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