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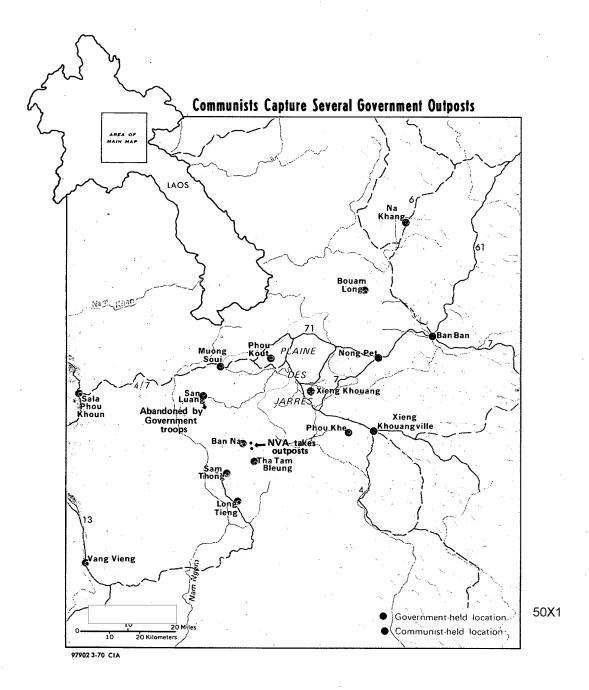
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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Several outposts near the Laotian Government's defensive line west and south of the Plaine des Jarres are now in Communist hands. (Page 1)

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The Communists have gained control of several outposts near the government's defensive line west and south of the Plaine des Jarres. Four small government units in the San Luang area withdrew on 12 March after receiving enemy mortar and recoilless rifle fire. Farther south, in the Ban Na sector, government troops have abandoned another small outpost, the second to fall to the Communists in this area in recent days.

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Enemy pressure in the Bouam Long area northeast of the Plaine has eased. Sustained air strikes and artillery fire on an enemy battalion south of Bouam Long forced it to withdraw.

The Communists are continuing their efforts to push more supplies into the Plaine. Several recent intercepted messages from logistical units in the Ban Ban area have reported preparations for a "new mission." The messages also disclosed that the Communists have been forced to make some administrative adjustments in the Route 7 supply system to lessen the strain on overburdened units.

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