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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

In Indochina, the movement of North Vietnamese troops through the infiltration pipeline increased in October. (Page 1)

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The French [redacted]

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In Chile [redacted]

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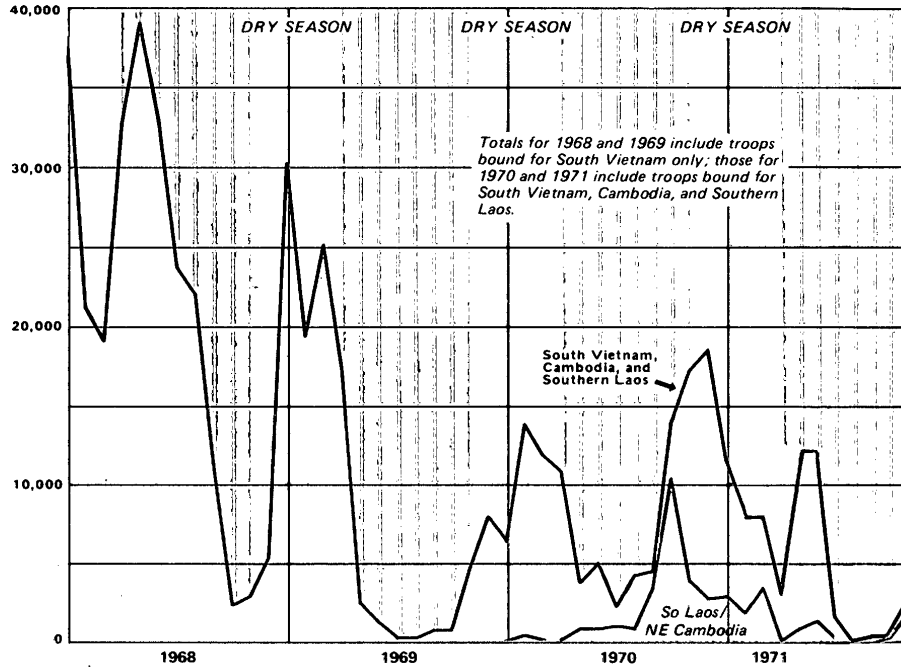
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North Vietnam is reinforcing its troops in north Laos in preparation for the coming dry season offensive. (Page 4)

The Chilean Army High Command reportedly has decided to reject a Soviet military credit. (Page 4)

### North Vietnamese Infiltration Starts\*



	1968 SVN	1969 SVN	1970 SVN, Cambodia, and Southern Laos	So Laos/ NE Cam	1971 SVN, Cambodia, and Southern Laos	So Laos/ NE Cam
JAN	21,000	19,200	13,700	100	8,000	1,700
FEB	18,900	25,000	11,700	---	8,000	3,400
MAR	32,600	17,100	10,600	---	3,000	---
APR	38,900	2,300	3,600	700	12,500	800
MAY	32,800	1,100	4,900	700	12,500	1,300
JUN	23,500	100	2,100	900	1,500	---
JUL	21,800	100	4,100	700	---	---
AUG	11,000	600	4,400	3,300	100	---
SEP	2,200	600	13,800	10,200	100	100
OCT	2,800	4,500	17,100	3,700	2,500	1,900
NOV	5,200	7,800	18,400	2,600	---	---
DEC	30,100	6,200	11,400	2,800	---	---

\*Because most infiltrating personnel moving south after January 1971 were detected outside of North Vietnam, these data have been adjusted to reflect probable starting dates into the system.



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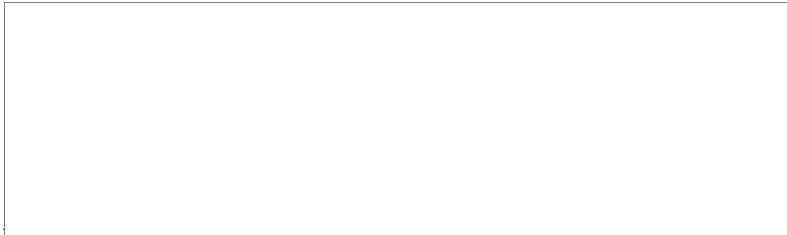
North Vietnamese intercepts indicate that at least nine infiltration groups including as many as 2,500 men started south in October. Of these, approximately 600 are bound for South Vietnam, most to an area just below the Demilitarized Zone. The remaining 1,900 troops are headed for southern Laos and northeastern Cambodia to augment logistic and combat forces along the infiltration corridor.

*It is likely that the number of men bound for duty in the corridor is greater than that reflected in communications. The group numbering system suggests that another seven groups, totaling up to 4,000 troops, have already started south, bound for this area. This movement is continuing into early November with one new group of 500 men entering the system thus far.*

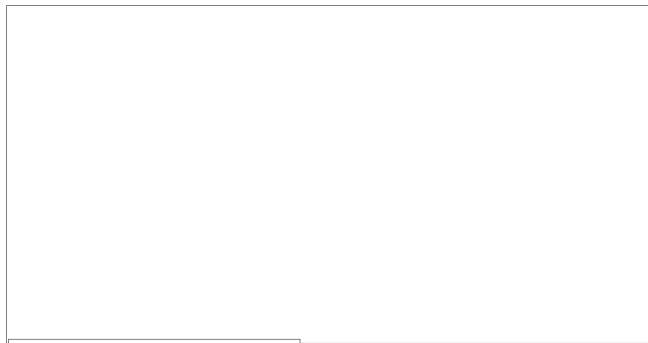
*The flow of infiltrators resumed later this year than in 1970, when large numbers of troops began moving south during September. Most of those, however, were combat troops sent to southern North Vietnam to bolster forces there in anticipation of allied attacks into Laos. The location of three Communist divisions just north of the Demilitarized Zone makes a similar move unnecessary this year. This force could respond quickly to any threat in southern Laos or northern South Vietnam.*

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FRANCE



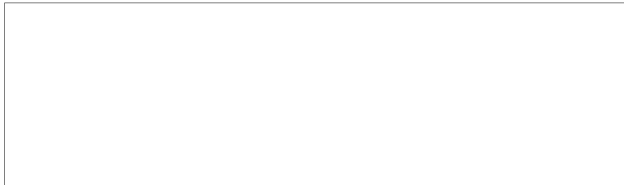
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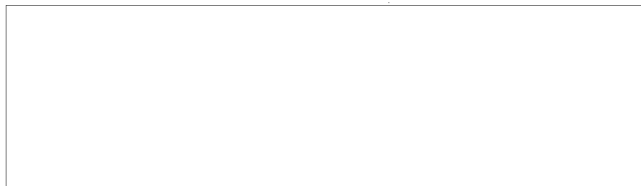
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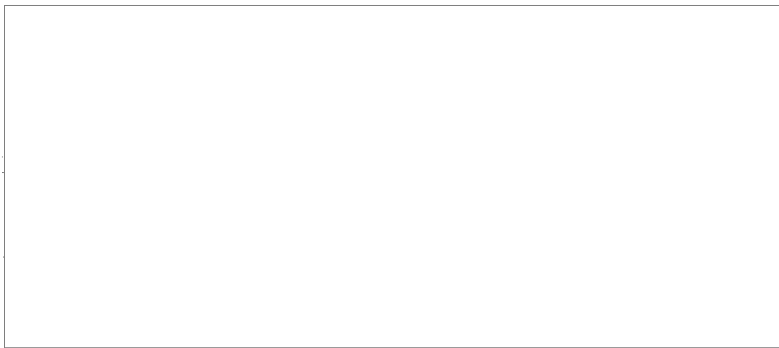
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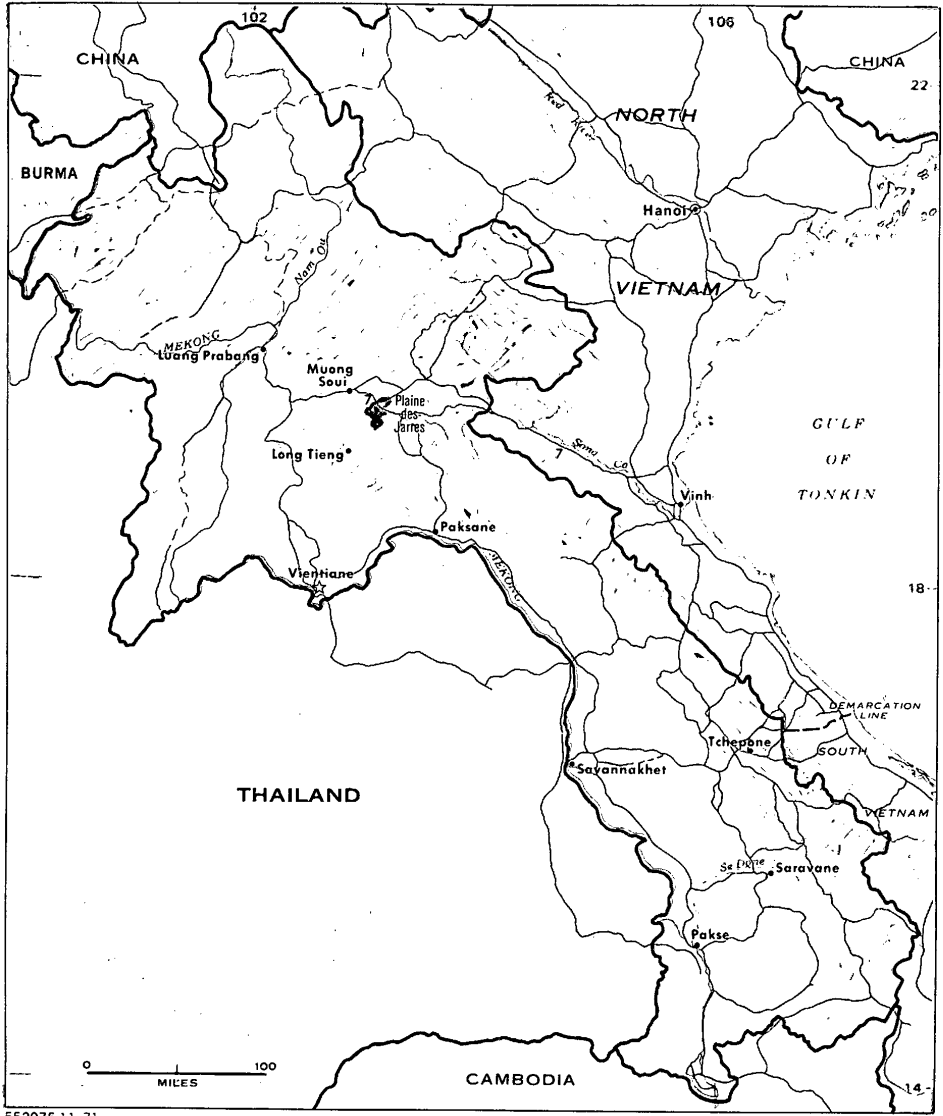


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## NOTES

Laos: Intercepts show that at least nine North Vietnamese infiltration groups are entering north Laos in preparation for the coming dry season offensive. When the new personnel (a minimum of 1,700 men and probably considerably more) arrive, the North Vietnamese force around the Plaine des Jarres is expected to total two divisions plus two or three support regiments. Last year, when the North Vietnamese held the Plaine, they did not begin sending reinforcements until January, and then only one regiment. The departure of reinforcements now suggests that Hanoi plans to begin an offensive earlier than last year. It also suggests that the North Vietnamese realize that Vang Pao's forces are stronger and better deployed and supported than they were when the Communists pushed them off the Plaine in February 1970.

Chile-USSR: [redacted] the Chilean Army High Command has decided to reject the \$50-million Soviet military credit [redacted]

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[redacted] The generals are said to base their rejection on difficulty of obtaining spare parts and on the grounds that the government's political orientation could change. President Allende may in effect have scotched the deal when he publicly denied on 18 October that a Soviet military credit had been offered.

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USSR-Cuba: [redacted]

[redacted] The Soviet naval task group now visiting Cuba remains in port in Havana.

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Pakistan: President Yahya has told Ambassador Farland that he expects the treason trial of Pakistani leader Mujibur Rahman to run for "some time yet." Yahya said the prosecution had already presented 66 witnesses and still had many more to call before the defense begins its case.

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