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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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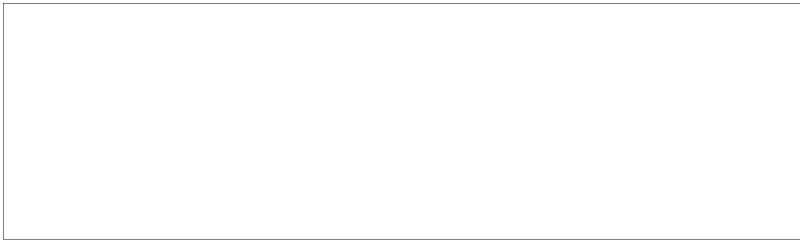
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**VIETNAM**



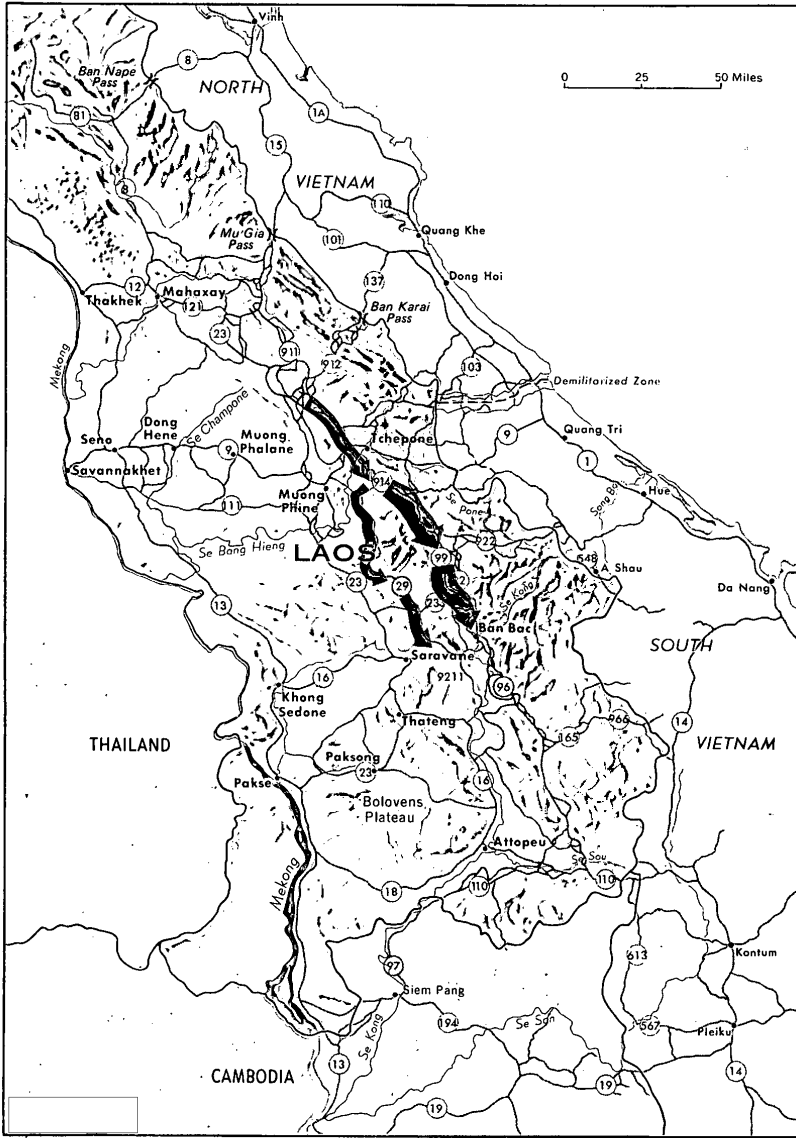
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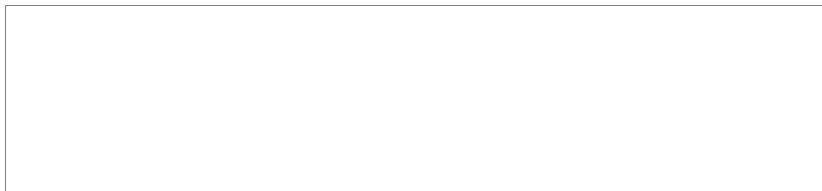
A recent intercept indicates that North Vietnamese logistics units in southern Laos plan to continue their activity after a Laos cease-fire. On 10 February, a major logistics authority directed two subordinates to complete by the 28th all repairs and improvements to eastern road corridor routes through the Tchepone - Ban Bac area. The units were also notified that after a cease-fire, these routes would become primary roads.

*This concentration of activity and the designation of the routes as "primary" suggest that the North Vietnamese plan to use the eastern road corridor to a greater extent than they have since the completion of Route 29 to the west. This road may now be used less.*

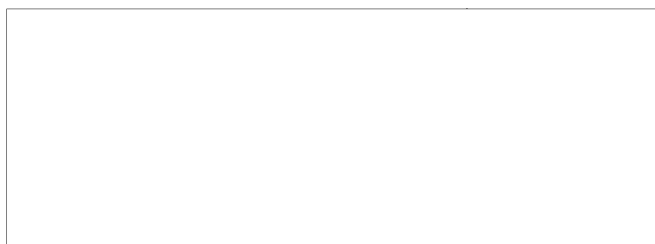
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Italy - North Vietnam:

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USSR-Cuba: The Soviet ships in Cuban waters appear about to start an exercise in the Gulf of Mexico. In the past two days the cruiser, tanker, destroyer, and probably the F-class submarine have left port and headed in that direction. The Soviet contingent, which has been in the Caribbean since early December, may make a final port call in Havana before steaming home.

Dominican Republic: The small guerrilla band that landed ten days ago remains at large, but the Balaguer government is relaxing its special security measures. Many detained members of the opposition Dominican Revolutionary Party have been released, and the government says it is no longer trying to arrest the party's leader, Juan Bosch. He remains in hiding, however, and a defiant statement from him suggests that chances are dim for a return to the attitude of mutual tolerance that formerly prevailed between his party and President Balaguer.



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