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INCOMING MILITARY SITUATION: IN CONTHERN MILITARY REGION 1. SIRBORNS DIVISION ELEMENTS SOUTH OF GUANG TRI CITY PROGRESSED TO ARD FIRE SUPPORT CASE ANNO AGAINST WELL-ORGANIZED EVERY DESERVATES. IN SOUTHERN MILITARY RESIDENT LARVA ROBLES CLIANING ROUTE A BETWIEN DUC PRO AND MO DUC IN PRANS NGAI PROVINCE AND COLING LINK-UP AGAINST MODERATE ENERY RESISTANCE. TO THE WEST. THE SITUATION AT HA TO HAS IMPROVED WITH ARVA FORCES NOW CONTROL-

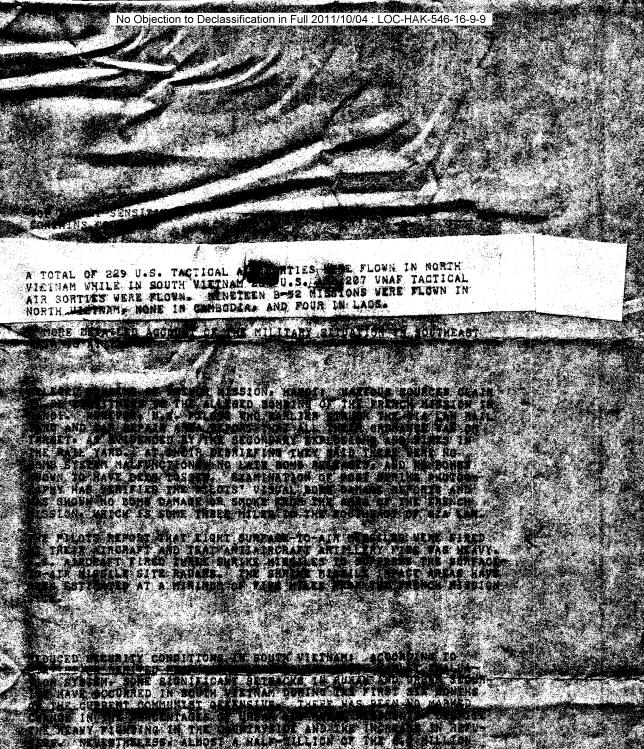
IN CILITARY REGION 2. ACTIVITY REPAINED AT A LOW LEVELY ALTHOUGH HERE WAS A FLARE-UP OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE WESTERN HIGHLADDS. TWO BOADER RANGER CAMPS IN KONTUM PROVINCE REPORTED ATTACKS-BY-FIRE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENEMY GROUND ATTACK. U.S. AND UNAFTACTICAL AIR SUPPORT ARE HELPING THE CAMP DEFENDERS. THE ONLY OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACTION IN THE REGION WAS AN ENEMY GROUND ATTACK IN WESTERN PLEIKU PROVINCE.

ENEMY ACTIVITY IN MILITARY REGION 3 DECLINED BUT CONTINUED TO CENTER IN SOUTHERN BINH DUONG PROVINCE, WHERE ENEMY FORCES STILL CCCUPY HAMLETS. FRIENDLY FORCES HAVE MADE SPORADIQ SMALL CONTACTS AS THEY SWEEP THE AREA. OTHER FRIENDLY FORCES ARE BEING SHIRTED GENERALLY SOUTH INTO POSITIONS ASTRIDE THE APPROACHES TO SATGON.

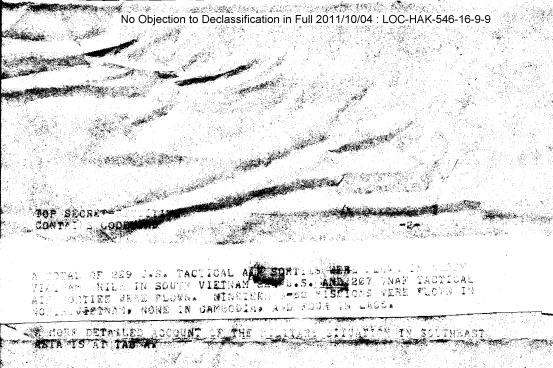
ENERY ACTIVITY IN MILITARY REGION A REMAINED MODERATE AND SCATTERED SELL NUMEROUS SMALL GROUND CONTACTS.

IN THE SEVEN MOUNTAINS AREA OF CAMBODIA. TUN LOAP DISTRICT TOWN IN ROUTE 2 WAS REDGCUPIED BY AN ARUN RANGER BATTALLON YESTERDAY.

SOUTH OF THE PLAINE DES JARRES IN LADS, THREE ENEMY TANKS MOVED
THOUGH IRREGULAR POSITIONS AFTER AN ARTILLERY ATTACK. ALTHOUGH
TANK FIRE HAS BEEN REPORTED SEVERAL TIMES, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
THE ENEMY HAS ACTUALLY MADE A TANK ASSAULT SINCE THE START OR
VANG PAO 5 CURBENT OFFENSIVE. ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY



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ALLEGED BONDING OF FRENCH MISSION, HANDI: VARIOUS SOURCES CLAIM
TO BE EYEVITNESS TO THE ALLEGED BOMBING OF THE FRENCH MISSION IN
HANDI. HOWEVER, U.S. PILOTS WHO EARLIER STRUCK THE GIA LAM BAIL
YARD AND CAR REPAIR AREA REPORT THAT ALL THEIR ORDNANCE WAS ON
TARGET, AS EVIDENCED BY THE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES IN
THE RAIL YARD. AT THEIR DEBRIEFING THEY SAID THERE WERE NO
BOMB SYSTEM MALFUNCTIONS, NO LATE BOMB RELEASES, AND NO BOMBS
KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN TOSSED. EXAMINATION OF POST STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY HAS VERIFIED THE PILOTS VISUAL BOMB DAMAGE REPORTS AND
HAS SHOWN NO BOMB DAMAGE OR SMOKE FROM THE AREA OF THE FRENCH
MISSION, WHICH IS SOME THREE MILES TO THE SOUTHEAST OF GIA LAM.

THE FILOTS REPORT THAT EIGHT SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES WERE FIRED AT THEIR AIRCRAFT AND THAT ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY FIRE WAS HEAVY. U.S. AIRCRAFT FIRED THREE SHRIKE MISSILES TO SUPPRESS THE SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SITE RADARS. THE SHRIKE MISSILE IMPACT AREAS HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED AT A MINIMUM OF FIVE MILES FROM THE FRENCH MISSION SATE.

REDUCZO SECURITY CONDITIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM: ACCORDING TO THE PITTER DERIVED FROM THE SILON COVERNMENT'S HAMLET EVALUATION SYSTEM, SOME SIGNIFICANT SETBACKS IN RUHAL AND URGAN SECURITY HAVE OCCURRED IN SOUTH VIETNAM DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE CURRENT COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE. THE HAS SEEN BO ARRAPTED THE HEAVY FIGHTING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND THE INCREASE IN REFUGEES. NEVERTHELESS, ALMOST A HALF-MILLION OF THE 6.5 MILLION UPBAN RESIDENTS AND CLOSE TO A MILLION OF THE 11.5 RUHAL RESIDENTS LISTED AS LIVING UNDER FULL OR PARTIAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL BEFORE THE OFFENSIVE HAVE EXPERIENCED LESS SECURE LIVING CONDITIONS. THE NUMBER OF RUHAL RESIDENTS NOW LIVING UNDER FULL OR PARTIAL GOMMUNIST CONTROL HAS DOUBLED FROM \$62,260 TO CVER 1.7 MILLION.

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THE FFFECTS OF THIS SLIPPAGE ON THE GOVERNMENT'S PACIFICATION PROGRAM WILL BE SEVERE, SINCE SOME KEY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN FILLED, CAPTURED, OR FORCED TO MOVE ELSEWHERE. THE COST OF RESULLIDING IN PROVINCES SUCH AS BINH DINH, QUANG TRIS BINH LOVE, KONTON, AND CHURNS TRISH WILL BE IN THE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. IN THE MEANTIME, THE DESTRUCTION IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WILL SERVE AS A REMINDER TO THE LOCAL POPULATION OF THE FRAILTY OF LOCAL SECURITY IN TANY AREAS AND OF THE CON-

AUSTRALIAN GENERAL ELECTIONS: PRIME MINISTER MCMARON ANNOUNCED DETOBER 10 THAT AUSTRALIA'S GENERAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD.

DETEMBER 2. AND BOTH SIDES PLAN TO GET THEIR CAMPAIGNS UNDERNAY IN MID-NOVEMBER. THE MOST RECENT GALLUP POLL (LATE SEPTEMBER) MINES MCMAHON'S GOVERNING LIBERAL PARTY-COUNTRY PARTY COALITION GEING RETURNED WITH ABOUT ITS PRESENT MAJORITY OF SEVEN SEATS IN PARLIAMENT. THIS IN ADDITION TO THE PRESENT BALANCE OF THE RESULTAN VOTE SHOWN BY THAT POLL (LIBERAL-COUNTRY COALITION WITH MS AS AGAINST THE LABOR PARTY'S 46) INDICATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS SLOWLY BUT STEADILY PICKED UP STRENGTH SINCE ITS LOW

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