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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: Daily Report on Cambodia

- We have nothing significant to report.

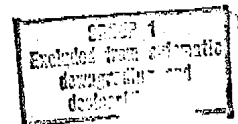
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Richard Helms
Director

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CIA advised by phone at 1800 that report for 10 May was negative.

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12 May 1970DIA Analysis of Significant Tactical COMINT

Communications and dispositions of major Communist authorities and main force units of COSVN continue to reflect reaction to Allied operation in Cambodia.

In the Fishhook area, COSVN communications returned to a normal level on 10 May. The Vietnamese Communist Headquarters, South Vietnam Sub-Region Control is now located in the same area as Headquarters, South Vietnam Tactical Control indicating a consolidation of control entities continues following the early May disruptions. The Military Intelligence Element (MIE) COSVN, while in communications with the Military Intelligence Bureau (MIB), reported that he could not hear the MIB from 3 to 10 May. This MIB replied that it was undergoing a sweep operations, and signed off the air. DIA believes this indicates that Allied operations are still causing a degree of disruption as some COSVN elements continue to evade. The MIB was not observed in communications with any of its out-stations between 4 and 7 May.

On 8 May, General Directorate of Rear Services communications ordered a temporary halt for all infiltration groups currently in the Binh Tram 34 area (Laos) of the pipeline. The groups affected were probably destined for the COSVN area of South Vietnam. Another 8 May message sent by Binh Tram 35 to its subordinates directed all groups travelling toward COSVN were to be stopped for an unspecified period of time. The stations were ordered to assume responsibility for the troops.

Serious enemy concern continues to be evident in COMINT near Base Area 350 and 351. An 11 May message from the Headquarters, 5th VC Division to one of its subordinate regiments reported that "The situation is very tense. COSVN has reminded all of you that you must send the units to strike stronger and quicker. On 6 May, the enemy landed one battalion of Americans and puppets in the direction of Rear Services Group 86. The Rear Base is now preparing to strike the sweep. The 275th Regiment is presently occupying the Province capital of Kratie (Cambodia). They captured over 100 prisoners. All of you are to strive to work well so that we can coordinate. Let us know your unit's present situation." A second message

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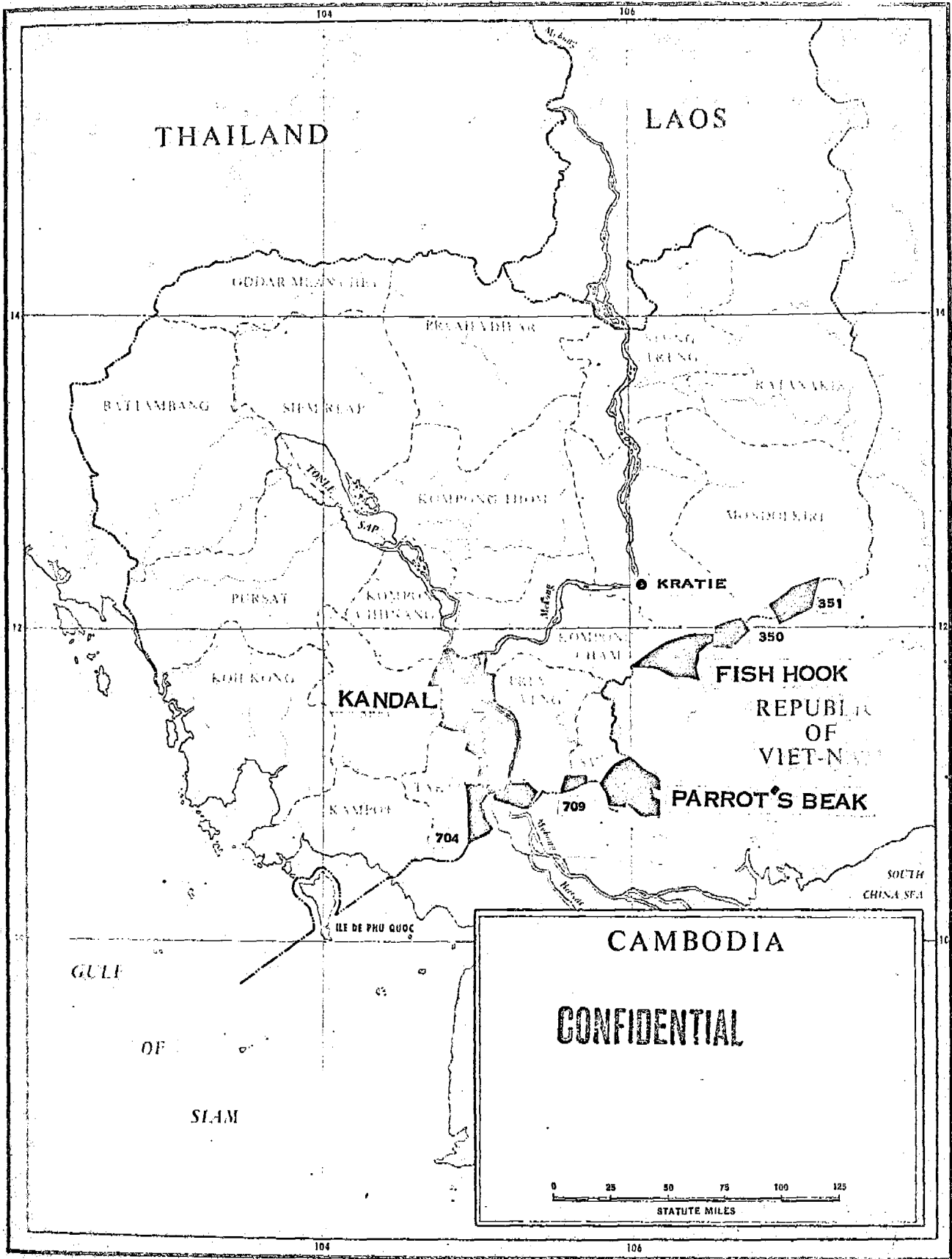
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on the same day from the 96th Artillery Regiment to a subordinate battalion stated "Only four tons of rice remain. Therefore, we must save our food money to use throughout the rainy season and be shrewd. We must tightly control the amount (or rice) used in order to economize. We must keep safe those items of medicine, military equipment, and (text garbled) exploit further."

In the Parrot's Beak Area, on 10 May, the Headquarters, Sub-Region 2 was noted in communications for the first time since 6 May. Sub-Region 2 and Headquarters, Sub-Region Control (COSVN) exchanged an unusually high number of messages, with 27 being transmitted by the latter and 21 by Headquarters, Sub-Region 2. While this high volume of message traffic suggests that command and control has been established between COSVN and subordinate elements, difficulties are still present. Headquarters, Sub-Region Control made several unsuccessful attempts to re-establish contact with Headquarters, Sub-Region 2 on 11 May.

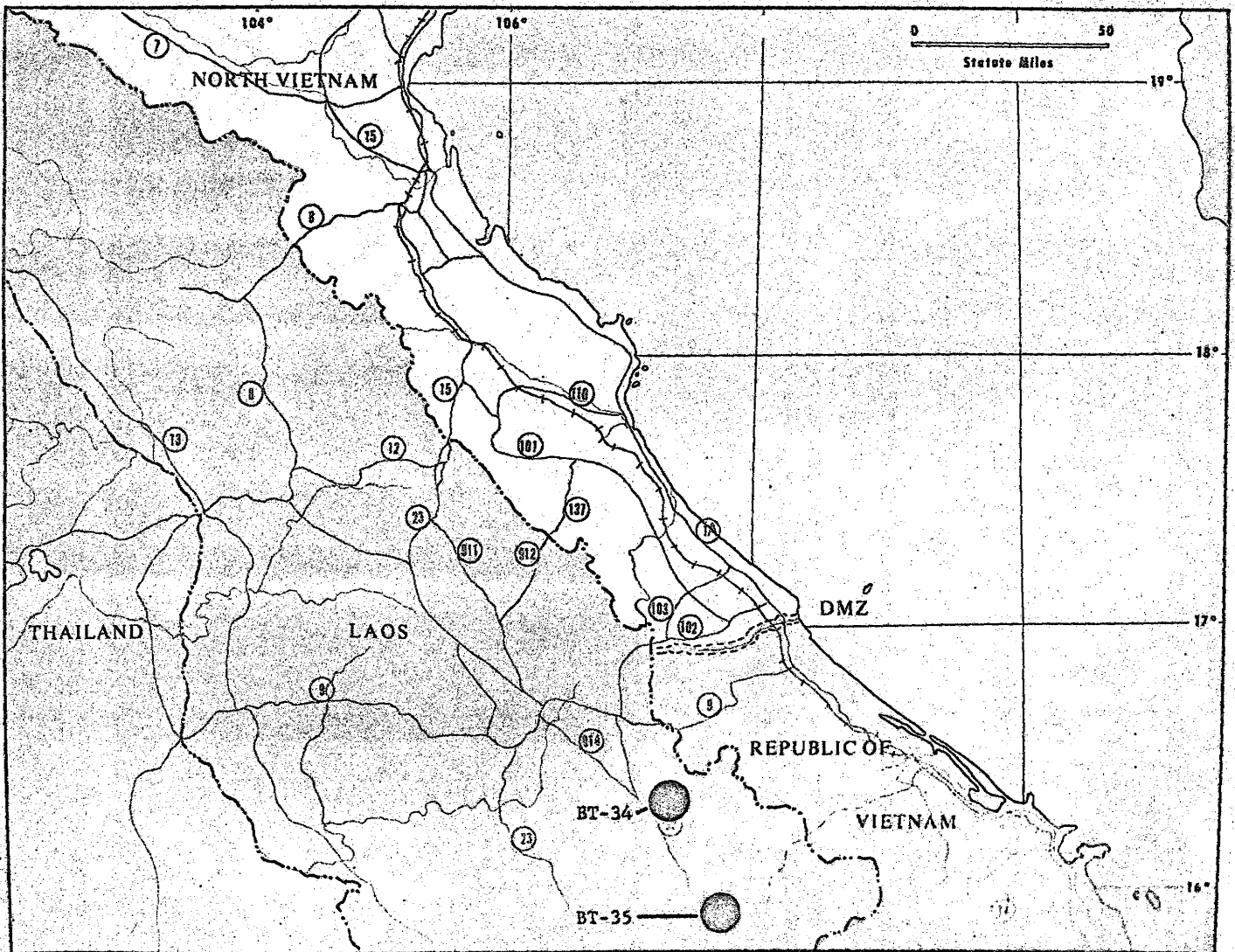
In 4th Corps area, Headquarters, Military Region 2 was located in Southwestern Kadal Province. DIA analysis has noted this entity in increased communications activity, probably because of recent Allied thrusts through Base Area 704 and into Base Area 709. Its subordinate Military Intelligence Section as well as the Headquarters, 88th NVA Regiment remain unobserved. The silence of the 88th NVA Regiment since 9 May could indicate that the regiment is relocating.

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