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DIST: 24 JUN 83

COUNTRY: KAMPUCHEA

SUBJ: FIGHTING BETWEEN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEAN AND PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM TROOPS IN PREAH VIHEAR PROVINCE; USE OF POISON GAS IN PREAH VIHEAR PROVINCE; MOVEMENT OF FRESH PAVN TROOPS INTO STUNG TRENG PROVINCE

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TEXT: 1. ON 14 MAY 1983, ONE DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEAN (DK) COMPANY ATTACHED TO THE 612TH DK DIVISION ATTACKED A PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) LOCATION IN THE AREA OF DONKEO (UNLOCATED) VILLAGE. THE FIREFIGHT, INCLUDING USE OF HEAVY WEAPONS BY THE DK, LASTED APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES RESULTING IN THE DK TROOPS CAPTURING THE POSITION HELD BY THE PAVN TROOPS. PAVN CASUALTIES WERE 15 DEAD, INCLUDING THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER AND A BATTALION COMMANDER, AND 20 WOUNDED. DK CASUALTIES ARE NOT KNOWN. THE DK TROOPS CAPTURED WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION INCLUDING: ONE PISTOL, FOUR AK-47 RIFLES, TWO M-16 RIFLES, ONE RPG-7 WITH SIX ROUNDS, FIVE RPG-2 ROUNDS, 300 ROUNDS OF AK-47 AMMUNITION, 12 82MM RECOILESS RIFLE ROUNDS AND TEN 60MM MORTAR ROUNDS. THE DK DESTROYED TWO RPG-2 GRENADE LAUNCHERS, TEN AK-47 RIFLES, EIGHT M-16 RIFLES, FIVE SKS RIFLES AND ONE 60MM MORTAR. APPROXIMATELY 200 PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KAMPUCHEA TROOPS WHO WERE IN THE AREA OF THE FIREFIGHT FLED WHEN THE FIGHTING BEGAN.

2. ON 18 MAY 1983, A COMPANY ATTACHED TO THE DK 980TH DIVISION ATTACKED A PAVN LOCATION IN THE AREA OF PA-AV (VA 1981) VILLAGE, CHDAM KHSANT DISTRICT, PREAH VIHEAR PROVINCE, KAMPUCHEA. THE COMPANY WAS SUPPORTED BY HEAVY WEAPONS FIRE INCLUDING 120MM MORTARS, 82MM MORTARS, 60MM MORTARS, AND 75MM RECOILESS RIFLES. THE DK COMPANY WAS UNABLE TO CAPTURE THE PAVN POSITION DUE TO HEAVY RETURN FIRE FROM THE PAVN FORCES. ON 20 MAY 1983, ANOTHER DK COMPANY WAS SENT TO REINFORCE THE INITIAL COMPANY IN ATTEMPTING TO TAKE THE PAVN POSITION. A 107MM ROCKET LAUNCHER WAS ADDED TO

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THE HEAVY WEAPONS SUPPORT. ON 23 MAY 1983, THE PAVN FORCES WITHDREW FROM THEIR POSITIONS WHICH WERE THEN OCCUPIED BY DK FORCES. THE DK HAS SOUGHT TO CAPTURE THE PAVN POSITION BECAUSE IT WAS USED BY THE PAVN TO INTERDICT DK SUPPLY LINES INTO SIEM REAP AND KAMPONG THOM PROVINCES. DK UNITS ARE TO STEP UP SUCH OPERATIONS DURING THE UPCOMING RAINY SEASON, INCLUDING ATTACKS ON PAVN LOCATIONS DEEP IN THE PROVINCES AS WELL AS ATTACKING SMALL PAVN UNITS ALONG THE THAI/KAMPUCHEA BORDER USING LARGE FORCE UNITS.

3. ON 18 MAY 1983, AN IDENTIFIED PAVN REGIMENT, APPROXIMATELY 600 MEN, MOVED FROM THE AREA OF MOUNLAPAMOK DISTRICT (WA 9585), CHAMPASSAK PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR), INTO KAMPONG SRALAU (UNLOCATED) DISTRICT, PRAH VIHEAR PROVINCE, KAMPUCHEA. THE REGIMENT'S MISSION WAS TO RECAPTURE THE AREA OF ROVIENG (WV 1283) DISTRICT, PRAH VIHEAR PROVINCE WHICH WAS HELD BY THE DK 801ST DIVISION. AS OF MAY 1983, THE 801ST DK DIVISION HAD CAPTURED APPROXIMATELY 10 VILLAGES IN ROVIENG DISTRICT. THEY INCLUDED: SAMAKKI (UNLOCATED) VILLAGE, KOH POUN (UNLOCATED) VILLAGE, PREAL (UNLOCATED) VILLAGE, SAMRONG (UNLOCATED) VILLAGE, KHNR (UNLOCATED) VILLAGE, RUMDOH (UNLOCATED) VILLAGE, SRALAU (UNLOCATED) VILLAGE, PON KRAM (UNLOCATED) VILLAGE, SLONGCHUEY (UNLOCATED) VILLAGE AND O-LOT (UNLOCATED) VILLAGE.

4. ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS, IN MID-MAY 1983, ON 25 MAY 1983 AT APPROXIMATELY 2148 HOURS (LOCAL TIME), AND ON 26 MAY 1983 AT APPROXIMATELY 2330 HOURS (LOCAL TIME), AIRCRAFT, REPORTEDLY BASED IN THE LPDR, DROPPED POISON IN THE AREA OF HOUAY POHET CHUM (WA 1768), CHEB DISTRICT, PRAH VIHEAR PROVINCE, KAMPUCHEA. THE AIRCRAFT DROPPED THE POISON, WHICH APPEARED TO BE IN FORM OF YELLOW DROPLETS, OVER AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY THREE KILOMETERS AND THEN RETURNED TO THE LPDR. THE AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED BY A DK UNIT OF EIGHT MEN WHO WERE OPERATING IN THE AREA. THREE OF THE DK LATER SUFFERED HEADACHES AND VOMITED BLOOD.

5. ON 13 MAY 1983, 19 PAVN TRUCKS WERE SEEN MOVING ALONG ROUTE 19 FROM THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM INTO STUNG TRENG (VX 0695) PROVINCE, KAMPUCHEA. THE TRUCKS HELD APPROXIMATELY 300 FRESH PAVN TROOPS.

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