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COUNTRY: VIETNAM/KAMPUCHEA

SUBJECT: PAVN REDEPLOYMENT OF 130MM ARTILLERY PIECES IN BATTAMBANG

PROVINCE; PAVN COMPLAINTS OF DK USE OF CHEMICAL TOXINS  
AND PLANS TO RETALIATE; 5TH DIVISION RESUPPLY ACTIVITIES  
AND LOW MORALE; IDENTIFICATION OF SENIOR PAVN OFFICERS .

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1. ON 27 FEBRUARY 1982 THE DEPUTY BATTALION COMMANDER OF  
THE 25TH ENGINEER BATTALION, 5TH PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN)  
DIVISION ORDERED THE REPAIR OF A PORTION OF THE SUPPLY TRAIL BETWEEN  
THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 5 AT TA 5706 AND TA KUNG KRAU VILLAGE  
(TA 5594). THE REPAIRS WERE TO BE MADE SO THAT IN EARLY MARCH  
TWO PIECES OF 130MM ARTILLERY WOULD BE MOVED OVER THIS ROUTE FROM

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SISOPHON TO TA KUNG KRAU.

COMMENT: ON 10 MARCH 1982

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REPORTED SEEING TWO 130MM ARTILLERY PIECES BEING TOWED

ALONG ROUTE 5 FROM SISOPHON TOWARD THE WEST ON 1 MARCH 1982.)

2. ON APPROXIMATELY 20 FEBRUARY 1982,

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SAID THAT SOLDIERS OF THE 3RD

BATTALION, 4TH REGIMENT HAD RECENTLY CONTRACTED EYE INFECTIONS FROM CHEMICAL TOXINS USED AGAINST THEM BY DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA (DK) FORCES. AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION, THE PAVN INTENDED TO USE CHEMICAL TOXINS AGAINST THE DK. BY 20 FEBRUARY 1982, EACH PLATOON OF THE 2ND BATTALION OF THE 4TH REGIMENT, WHICH WAS STILL POSITIONED IN TA KUNG KRAU, HAD RECEIVED THREE GAS MASKS OF THE TOTAL OF 100 GAS MASKS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BATTALION. THE 1ST BATTALION OF THE 4TH REGIMENT HAD ALSO RECEIVED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF GAS MASKS.

3. ON 17 FEBRUARY 1982, THREE M-113 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APC'S) ESCORTED ABOUT 20 GMC AND CHINESE TRUCKS FROM SISOPHON TO THE FORWARD HEADQUARTERS OF THE 5TH DIVISION LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 32 KILOMETERS WEST/SOUTHWEST OF TA KUNG KRAU. ONE TRUCK CARRIED MEDICINE, ONE CARRIED CANNED BEEF FROM HUNGARY, AND THE OTHERS CARRIED ABOUT TWO AND ONE HALF TONS OF RICE EACH. ON 18 FEBRUARY THREE M-113 APC'S RETURNED FROM THE HEADQUARTERS AREA, AND ON 24 FEBRUARY SIX OTHER APC'S PROCEEDED ALONG THE SUPPLY ROUTE TOWARD THE HEADQUARTERS. ON 27 FEBRUARY, THE 2ND BATTALION OF THE 4TH REGIMENT MOVED FROM TA KUNG KRAU TO THE HEADQUARTERS

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AREA ALONG THE THAI BORDER. THE 8TH COMPANY OF THE 2ND BATTALION, HOWEVER, REMAINED IN TA KUNG KRAU.

4. MORALE IN THE 5TH DIVISION HAS BEEN POOR FOR SOME TIME AND HAS DROPPED TO A NEW LOW AS A RESULT OF THE CASUALTIES, MALARIA AND OTHER UNSPECIFIED SICKNESSES BEING ENCOUNTERED BY 5TH DIVISION ELEMENTS IN THE CURRENT OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS ALONG THE THAI BORDER. PREVIOUSLY SENIOR COLONEL BA ((DOI)), THE FORMER COMMANDER OF THE DIVISION, REQUESTED THAT THE 5TH DIVISION BE RELIEVED OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY IN THE BORDER AREA OF BATTAMBANG PROVINCE BECAUSE IT HAD LOST ITS FIGHTING SPIRIT (MAT SUC CHIEN DAU). AS A RESULT OF THIS REQUEST, BA DOI WAS REPLACED AS COMMANDER BY SENIOR COLONEL HAI ((PHE)) IN OCTOBER 1981. IN JANUARY 1982, LIEUTENANT COLONEL NGUYEN VAN ((SEN)), THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 4TH REGIMENT, 5TH DIVISION ORDERED THE PURGE OF 25 REGIMENTAL OFFICERS AND CADRE FROM THE PARTY FOR REFUSING PROMOTIONS (ENTAILING EXTENSION OF MILITARY SERVICE), DISOBEYING ORDERS, AND FAILING TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED MISSIONS.

5. COLONEL GENERAL LE DUC ((ANH)) HAS BEEN THE SENIOR GENERAL COMMANDING ALL PAVN UNITS IN THE KAMPUCHEA FRONT SINCE AT LEAST MID 1981. AS OF 1981 LIEUTENANT GENERAL DONG VAN ((CONG)) WAS THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF MILITARY REGION (MR) 7; MAJOR GENERAL DUONG TU ((CAM)) WAS THE POLITICAL DEPUTY COMMANDER AND MAJOR GENERAL TRAN DINH ((CU)) WAS THE DEPUTY MILITARY COMMANDER AND ALSO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE REAR SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF MR-7.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL HOANG TRUNG ((TRUC)), THE MILITARY DEPUTY  
COMMANDER OF THE 5TH DIVISION, WAS DIRECTING OPERATIONS AT THE  
5TH DIVISION FORWARD HEADQUARTERS.

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