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REPORT CLASS ~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ WNINTEL--NOFORN
COUNTRY: KAMPUCHEA/VIETNAM
SUBJECT: RESULTS OF KHMER PEOPLE'S NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT ATTACK
AGAINST PAVN UNITS IN KAMPUCHEA; ISSUANCE OF GAS MASKS
TO PAVN CADRE; RESUPPLY OF PAVN BORDER SECURITY UNITS;
PAVN AMMUNITION SHORTAGES AND PERSONNEL PROBLEMS

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1. AT 0730 HOURS ON 28 APRIL 1982, A KHMER PEOPLE'S NATIONAL
LIBERATION FRONT (KPNLF) FORCE OF UNDETERMINED STRENGTH ATTACKED THE
POSITIONS OF THE 2ND AND 3RD COMPANIES OF THE 212TH BATTALION, 8TH
BORDER SECURITY REGIMENT (BSR), 5TH DIVISION OF THE PEOPLE'S
ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) WHICH WERE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF TA 7653,
ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS FROM THE THAI/KAMPUCHEAN BORDER. THE ATTACK
LASTED ABOUT TWO HOURS WITH THE ATTACKING FORCES FIRING 75MM
RECOILLESS RIFLE, RPG-2'S AND RPG-7'S, 60MM MORTAR AND SMALL ARMS
AT THE PAVN UNITS. IN RETALIATION, THE 4TH HEAVY WEAPONS COMPANY
OF THE PAVN 212TH BATTALION FIRED BETWEEN 20 AND 30 ROUNDS OF 82MM
MORTAR AND EIGHT 107MM ROCKETS INTO THE KPNLF POSITIONS ABOUT TWO
OR THREE KILOMETERS WEST OF THE PAVN LOCATIONS. THERE WERE NO PAVN
CASUALTIES AND THE CASUALTIES OF THE KPNLF WERE UNKNOWN.

COMMENT: [Redacted] ON 28 APRIL 1982, FOLLOWING
THE WITHDRAWAL OF A PAVN UNIT NORTHEAST OF BAN SANGAE (TA 7253), THE
HEADQUARTERS OF THE KPNLF FORCES, THE KPNLF SENT OUT ELEMENTS OF
TWO BATTALIONS IN ANTICIPATION OF A POSSIBLE PAVN ATTACK AGAINST
BAN SANGAE OUTPOSTS FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH. IN THE RESULTING CLASH
THE KPNLF SUFFERED NINE MINOR CASUALTIES.

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2. IN MID MARCH 1982, EACH COMPANY OF THE 212TH BATTALION
RECEIVED ABOUT TEN GAS MASKS WHICH WERE DISTRIBUTED ONLY TO OFFICERS.

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OF THE COMPANIES. PAVN TROOPS WERE INSTRUCTED TO USE A WET TOWEL OR HANDKERCHIEF TO COVER THEIR NOSE FOR BREATHING IN THE EVENT OF AN ENEMY CHEMICAL ATTACK. THEY WERE TOLD TO USE URINE TO WET THE TOWEL IF WATER WAS UNAVAILABLE. IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHETHER OTHER BATTALIONS OF THE 8TH BSR HAD RECEIVED GAS MASKS.

3. IN OCTOBER 1981, THE 212TH BATTALION RECEIVED BETWEEN 25 AND 30 TONS OF RICE FOR USE IN FEEDING ITS APPROXIMATELY 300 PERSONNEL DURING THE RAINY SEASON. THE RICE WAS TRANSPORTED FROM SISOPHON BY TRUCK TO THE 8TH BSR HEADQUARTERS AT THMA POK (TA 9143) AND FROM THERE TO THE 212TH BATTALION BY ABOUT 70 OXCARTS WHICH WERE REQUISITIONED FROM THE SURROUNDING VILLAGERS WITHOUT PAY.

4. IN FEBRUARY 1982, THE 212TH BATTALION RECEIVED ABOUT 100 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR, FIFTY 107MM ROCKETS, 2,000 MR-7 TYPE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES, AND ABOUT 200 ANTI-TANK MINES. SOME OF THESE MINES HAVE BEEN EMPLACED, BUT NUMEROUS OTHERS ARE STILL IN THE BATTALION WAREHOUSE. IN APRIL 1982, EACH COMPANY OF THE 212TH BATTALION RECEIVED ABOUT NINE CHINESE MADE RPG-2 ROUNDS, AND WERE TOLD TO USE THEM SELECTIVELY, SINCE THE SUPPLY OF THESE ROUNDS WAS LIMITED. COMMENT: THE 212TH BATTALION HAD ONLY ONE RPG-7 LAUNCHER AND LESS THAN TEN ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FOR IT.)

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5. IN JANUARY 1982, THE 312TH BATTALION RECEIVED 50 REPLACEMENTS WHO WERE ALL FROM NORTH VIETNAM. ABOUT 20 OF THESE MEN WERE SENT TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 5TH DIVISION IN SISOPHON TO ATTEND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS SCHOOL OR MEDICAL OR SIGNAL COURSES. THE REMAINDER WERE ASSIGNED TO THE FRONT LINE COMPANIES. IN MARCH 1982, THE 8TH BSR RECEIVED 19 ADDITIONAL REPLACEMENTS WHO WERE ALL FROM SOUTH VIETNAM. NONE OF THESE MEN WERE ASSIGNED TO BATTALIONS POSITIONED ALONG THE BORDER, BECAUSE OF THE LIKELIHOOD THEY WOULD ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE TO THAILAND. COMMENT: THE KPNLF HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS IN THE BORDER AREA ENCOURAGING PAVN PERSONNEL TO DEFECT TO THAILAND.)

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