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SUBJECT: WEEKLY WRAP-UP SOUTH VIETNAM 5-11 APR. 75

THE FOLLOWING WRAP-UP CONTAINS 3 ITEMS:

1. OCCUPIED RVN
2. MR-3
3. MR-4
1. (S/NFD) OCCUPIED RVN

A. (S) IN OCCUPIED AREAS OF FORMER MR'S 1 AND 2, COMMUNIST FORCES CONTINUE TO CONSOLIDATE GAINS MADE DURING MAR. IN FORMER MR-2, 10TH NVA DIV IS MOVING S TO COSVN. SUSPECTED 316TH DIV MAY ALSO BE MOVING, PROBABLY TO COSVN. MEANWHILE, MAJOR CITIES ALONG CENTRAL COAST ARE BEING GOVERNED BY NVA/VC CADRE.

B. (S) REPORTS DURING PAST WEEK INDICATE 10TH DIV ELEMENTS ARE PREPARING TO MOVE S ALONG QL-1. A 5 APR REPORT PROVIDES FOLLOWING INFO ON 10TH DIV DEPLOYMENT: 66TH REGT AT NHQ HOA, 24TH REGT AT NHA TRANG AND 28TH REGT AND 25TH INDEP REGT MOVING TOWARD CAM RANH. TACTICAL HQ 10TH DIV WAS LOCATED ON 8 APR VIC CP027526, JUST W OF NHA TRANG, APPROX 15KM SE OF ITS 30 MAR LOCATION. BY 9 APR, TACTICAL HQ WAS LOCATED VIC BP965388 ON QL-1 APPROX 15KM FURTHER S. ON 10 APR, MOVEMENT WAS REPORTED OF FRESH NVA TROOPS TO A POINT SW OF CAM RANH BAY, POSSIBLY VIC BP9520.

C. (S) STATUS OF OTHER NVA UNITS IS UNCLEAR. A 5 APR REPORT STATED THAT 968TH NVA DIV, TOGETHER WITH THREE UNSPECIFIED UNITS, "LIBERATED" TUY HOA CITY IN PHU YEN ON 2 APR. UNSPECIFIED UNITS ARE PROBABLY 9TH, 48TH AND 64TH
REGTS OF 320TH NVA DIV. LOCATION OF 968TH DIV IN PHU YEN CANNOT BE CONFIRMED. HQ 968TH DIV WAS LOCATED IN PLEIKU PROV ON 13 MAR. POSSIBILITY THAT 968TH REINFORCED 3RD NVA DIV IN BINH DINH ALSO CANNOT BE CONFIRMED. 320TH DIV PROBABLY REMAINS IN PHU YEN PROV.

U/I (POSSIBLE 316TH) DIV, PREVIOUSLY REPORTED VIC BAN ME THUOT CITY, PROBABLY MOVING, POSSIBLY COSVN.

II. (SNFD) IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, MOVEMENT OF NVA ARMOR AND AAA WAS NOTED IN 5 APR PHOTINT IN TRI-BORDER AREA OF KONTUM PROV. PHOTINT INDICATED 27 CONFIRMED MEDIUM TANKS, 10 TOWED MEDIUM AAA PIECES AND A LARGE TRUCK CONVOY HEADING S ALONG A ROAD SEGMENT VIC Y8760040. THIS EQUIPMENT COULD BE DESTINED TO REBUILD NVA FORCES IN MR-2 OR ENROUTE TO COSVN. ADDITIONALLY, 5 APR PHOTINT DETECTED THREE CONFIRMED AND ONE PROB SA-2 TRANSPORTERS WITH MISSILES HEADING E ALONG HWY 96H IN TRI-BORDER AREA OF CAMBODIA VIC Y8671069.
DESTINATION OF THIS SA-2 EQUIPMENT IS UNKNOWN. 9 APR

PHOTINT REVEALED TWO PROBABLE 57MM AAA PIECES IN TOW AND ONE POSSIBLE WHIFF RADAR IN TRAVEL MODE ON RTE 613 COMPLEX IN PLEI TRAP VALLEY AREA OF SW KONTUM PROV. AAA GUNS AND RADAR WERE PARKED ON ACCESS ROADS VIC YA736889 AND YA755891, RESPECTIVELY.

E. (S) THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT COMMUNISTS ARE APPARENTLY NOT TYING DOWN MAJOR COMBAT UNITS IN OCCUPATION OF URBAN POPULATION CENTERS IN FORMER MR'S 1 AND 2.

A REPORT CONCERNING DANANG INDICATES THAT ALL BUT AUTHORIZED MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE RESTRICTED FROM ENTERING CITY. DEBRIEFING OF CIVILIANS WHO ESCAPED FROM DANANG BY SEA ON 5 APR, FIVE DAYS AFTER CITY FELL, INDICATES THAT CITY IS BACK TO NORMAL. NVA PATROLS STREETS, BUT CIVILIANS HAVE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. CIVILIAN REFUGEES ARE BEING RETURNED TO HOME AREAS, SUCH AS HUE. NEW ID CARDS ARE BEING ISSUED IN THREE CATEGORIES, ONE OF WHICH IS FOR NVN REFUGEES WHO MOVED TO SVN IN 1954. RICE HOARDS HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED AND RICE MOVED TO DISTRIBUTION POINTS, WHERE UNSPECIFIED DAILY QUOTAS ARE ALLOCATED. SHOPKEEPERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONDUCT NORMAL BUSINESS, AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL ARE OPERATING HOSPITALS. RECENT PHOTINT OF NHA TRANG CITY REFLECTS NO NVA MILITARY PRESENCE,
OTHER THAN SEVERAL AA POSITIONS UP TO 57MM. DAMAGE TO CONGEN COMPOUND AND OTHER LOCATIONS PROBABLY RESULTED FROM MOB VIOLENCE ON 1 APR. A RECENT PW FROM 165TH REGT/7TH NVA DIV, CAPTURED AT DI LINH ON 29 MAR, REPORTED LAM DONG WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO LOCAL CADRE TO ESTABLISH PROV AND DIST ADMINISTRATION, WHILE 7TH DIV MOVED TO TUYEN DUC.
2. (S/NFD) MR-3

A. (C) In MR-3, activity declined during early part of week, but, by week's end, heavy fighting was in progress in eastern part of region.

B. (S) In Tay Ninh Prov, activity has been light, consisting primarily of ARF's scattered throughout Prov. Intel suggests that Communist forces preparing to initiate heavy atks on Tay Ninh and Hau Nghia Provs. Intel indicates that some elements of 9th NVA Div may have moved into northern Tay Ninh Prov. 367B SAP Regt/5th NVA Div also appears to have moved into western Hau Nghia and SW Tay Ninh Provs. Elements of 3rd NVA Div located in Parrot's Beak may be deploying into western Hau Nghia and southern Tay Ninh Prov, to meet potential threat, some 25th Arvn Div forces are expected to deploy to Go Dau Ha area to reinforce Arvn positions and lessen risk of majority of 25th Div being cut off.

C. (S) Majority of 5th NVA Div is moving into western MR-3. 6th Regt/5th Div is approx. 15Kms NW of Tan An and 27th Regt approx. 5Kms SW of Tan An, while 174th Regt
APPEARS TO BE IN SE KIEN TUONG PROV. ON 9 APR, VC/NVA FORCES ATKED RVNAF POSITIONS IN SW LONG AN PROV. GVN IMMEDIATELY REINFORCED TAN AN AREA WITH 12TH REGT/7TH ARVN DIV AND, IN ENSUING CONTACTS, OVER 100 COMMUNISTS WERE REPORTED KIA. A PW IDENTIFIED HIS UNIT AS 3RD BN/275TH REGT. CAPTURED DOCS INDICATE K-1 BN/LONG AN PROV UNIT WAS ALSO INVOLVED. RVNAF SUFFERED 12 KIA AND 20 WIA.

INTEL SUGGESTS THAT RECENT ATKS AT TAN AN MAY BE PART OF "HIT AND RUN TACTICS" TO KEEP RVNAF OFF BALANCE WHILE COMMUNIST FORCES PREPARE FOR MAJOR ATKS VERY SOON.

D. (S) A CAPTURED PW FROM THE 6TH REGT INDICATES THAT THE 6TH REGT PLANS TO ATK THU THUA ON NIGHT OF 11/12 APR. PW SAID THAT 174TH REGT WOULD ATK THE BRIDGE (X35565) IN TAN AN. REPORTEDLY, THE 5TH SAP BN/367B SAP REGT WILL ALSO TAK THIS BRIDGE. PW INDICATED THAT, IF THE 5TH DIV WAS SUCCESSFUL IN OVERRUNNING TAN AN, DIV WOULD TRY TO HOLD TAN AN. THIS WOULD EFFECTIVELY ISOLATE DELTA FROM MR-3 VIA LAND ROUTES.
E. (S) COMMUNISTS ARE PROBABLY PREPARING TO KICK OFF MAJOR ATKS ALONG MR-3/MR-4 BOUNDARY, USING PRIMARILY 5TH NVA DIV. 271ST REGT/3RD NVA DIV MAY ALSO BE ALONG MR-3/MR-4 INDICATING POSSIBILITY OF SOME REINFORCEMENT OF 5TH NVA DIV BY 3RD DIV FORCES. AT SAME TIME, OTHER 3RD DIV FORCES ARE EXPECTED TO COORDINATE WITH COMMUNIST FORCES IN TAY NINH AND HAU NGHTA PROVS IN EFFORT TO FURTHER INCREASE PRESSURE ON GVN POSITIONS THAT FORM OUTER DEFENSIVE PERIMETERS OF CAPITAL OF SVN.
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F. (S/NFD) TO MEET THIS INCREASED THREAT, GVN HAS EXTENDED MILITARY BOUNDARIES OF MR-4 CONTROL INTO SW MR-3 IN ORDER TO ALLOW MR-4 UNITS, INCLUDING 9TH ARVN DIV, TO MEET 5TH NVA DIV HEAD ON. ELEMENTS OF ABN DIV MAY ALSO BE CALLED UPON TO REINFORCE WESTERN MR-3, ESPECIALLY IF VC/NVA FORCES ATK INTO GIA DINH PROV FROM PINEAPPLE PLANTATION AREA OF LONG AN PROV.

G. (S/NFD) IN CENTRAL MR-3, COMMUNIST FORCES HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY INACTIVE, UNDERTAKING ONLY SCATTERED SMALL SCALE GND ATK'S AND ABF'S. G-2/5TH ARVN DIV (PROTECT SOURCE) HAS INDICATED THAT A BUILDUP OF 9TH NVA DIV FORCES HAS BEEN OCCURRING ALONG SAIGON RIVER CORRIDOR AND IN IRON TRIANGLE IN SW BINH DUONG PROV. IF TRUE, COMMUNISTS COULD FORCE SOME 5TH ARVN DIV ELEMENTS TO REDEPLOY FROM LAI KHE TO PROTECT THESE VITAL APPROACHES TO SAIGON. THIS WOULD WEAKEN ARVN POSITIONS ALONG QL-13 IN NORTHERN BINH DUONG PROV.

H. (S) IN EASTERN MR-3, ON 9 APR, COMMUNIST FORCES ATK'D AND PENETRATED XUAN LOC, LONG KHANH PROV, REAR BASE OF 52ND REGT/18TH ARVN DIV (YT475095). VC/NVA ALSO BLOCKED QL-1 E AND W OF XUAN LOC. BY NIGHT OF 9 APR, COMMUNIST FORCES HAD BEEN DRIVEN OUT OF XUAN LOC AND HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUED APPROX 1KM N AND NE OF TOWN ON
10 APR. AT 1100HR, COMMUNIST FORCES AGAIN ATTED
REAR BASE OF 52ND REGT AND POSITIONS OF 43RD REGT AND
82ND RGR BN. REPORTEDLY, NVA TANKS WERE FIRING DIRECTLY
INTO RVNAF POSITIONS. ON 11 APR, MAJOR FIGHTING WAS ALSO
REPORTED IN PROGRESS ALONG QL-1 BETWEEN TRANG BOM
VILLAGE (YT 2011) AND INTERSECTION OF QL'S 1 AND 20.

322ND TASK FORCE HAS RUN INTO
HEAVY RESISTANCE FROM PROB 6TH NVA DIV FORCES IN
ATTEMPTS TO CLEAR VC/NVA FORCES FROM VILLAGES ALONG
QL-1 AND RELIEVE GVN DEFENDERS AT XUAN LOC. 315TH TASK
FORCE HAS BEEN ORDERED TO MOVE FROM CU CHI TO REIN-
FORCE 322ND TASK FORCE. XUAN LOC HAS BEEN REINFORCED
WITH ONE BN OF 48TH REGT WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY LOCATED
IN HAM TAN, BINH TUY PROV. AND ELEMENTS OF 24TH RGR GP,
AND TWO BNS FROM 113TH ABN Bde.

1. (S) CASUALTY FIGURES ARE INCOMPLETE AT THIS TIME; HOW-
EVER, RVNAF IS REPORTING APPROX 800 VC/NVA KIA IN
IMMEDIATE XUAN LOC AREA WITH LARGE AMOUNTS OF WEA-
PONS CAPTURED. (NOTE: THIS FIGURE DOES NOT TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT KBA OR CONTACTS ALONG QL-1 W OF XUAN LOC.)

GVN LOSSES, INCLUDING CIVILIANS, ARE ALSO BELIEVED TO
BE HEAVY.

J. (S) ALL SOURCE INTEL SUGGESTS THAT ENTIRE 6TH AND
341ST DIVS AND 266TH NVA REGT HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO
ATKS. A PW FROM 25TH ENGR BN/7TH NVA DIV, CAPTURED AT XUAN LOC, INDICATES THAT ENTIRE 7TH DIV IS NOW IN LONG KHANH. 209TH REGT IS ABOUT 6KM NE OF XUAN LOC (YT546146). PW STATED THAT 165TH REGT RETURNED FROM LAM DONG ON 2 APR, BUT HE WAS UNSURE OF ITS PRESENT LOCATION. OTHER INFO INDICATES THAT THIS REGT IS LOCATED VIC OF XUAN LOC. SOURCE MADE NO MENTION OF 141ST REGT, BUT INDICATED THAT 210TH ARTY REGT HAS 4X130MM ARTY PIECES LOCATED APPROX 6KM NE OF THE CITY (YT548173) AND TWO MORE 130'3 NEARBY (YT546174). DIV ALSO SUPPORTED BY 20 TANKS. THEREFORE, MAJORITY OF THREE NVA DIVS ARE COMMITTED IN THIS OPN. COMMUNIST OBJECTIVES AT XUAN LOC ARE TO DEFEAT 18TH ARVN DIV AND THUS OPEN BEST AVENUE OF APPROACH TO VITAL BIEN HOA/LONG BINH MILITARY COMPLEX.
K (S/NFD) IN NINH THUAN PROV, 2D ARVN ABN BDE ELEMENTS REPORTEDLY HAVE MOVED N ON QL-1 TO VIC DU LONG (VIC BP 9405) TO SET UP BLOCKING POSITION AGAINST ANTICIPATED 10TH NVA Dив ATKS SOUTHWARD. VNAF AIRSTRIKES AGAINST BRIDGES W OF CAM LAM (V) (VIC BP 9717) PROBABLY WILL NOT DELAY NVA MOVEMENT FOR MORE THAN TWO OR THREE DAYS.

GVN III CORPS HAS ESTABLISHED A FORWARD CP UNDER LTG NGHI AT PHAN RANG TO CONTROL RVNAF OPNS AND MAY REINFORCE AREA WITH ADDITIONAL FORCES. 6TH AIR Dив IS STILL OPERATING OUT OF PHAN RANG AFB ON A LIMITED BASIS. IN BINH THUAN, THIEN GIAO DIST TOWN (VIC AN 8725) CAME UNDER ATK ON 8 APR, AND RADIO CONTACT WAS LOST AT 081900H.

PROV REP IN PHAN THIET REPORTS A ROCKET ATK ON CITY DURING NIGHT OF 7-8 APR FORCED RELOCATION OF SECTOR CP. PROV CHIEF, COL NGHIA, SAYS HE CAN HOLD PHAN THIET CITY. ATTACKING COMMUNIST FORCES WERE NOT IDENTIFIED.