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SITREP 131 IN 5 PARTS. PART 1. LOADING: 9-10 FEB 114 VEH TOTALING 725 SHORT TON AND 19 MIL PAX IN SWORDKNOT. 11 FEB NO LOADING. ADD VEH PREVIOUSLY REPT AS SHORT TON ONLY 31 IN ARLO OLSON 2 FEB AND 36 IN CODINGTON 4 FEB. TOTALS TO DATE NO CHANGE EXCEPT 14837 MIL PAX. 7362 VEH. 63250 SHORT TON CARGO. 136 BIRTHS. PART 2. TG90.8 EMPL: GUNSTON HALL MARINE SERPENT ENR HAIPHONG. CODINGTON SAIGON SWORDKNOT ENR SAIGON. ASHTABULA ARR HAIPHONG AREA 11 FEB SKED ELCOOK 12 FEB GUNSTON HALL 13 FEB SERPENT 14 FEB. PART 3. REFUGEES ADMITTED TO CAMPS 9 FEB 187 10 FEB 655 11 FEB EST 300. PRESENT TOTAL CAMP REF HAIPHONG 8603 WITH 3623 RDY TO GO. REF COMMITTEE REPTS 16330 REF REG AND RDY TO GO (12107 LOCAL, 3623 IN CAMPS AND 600 FROM KIEN AN). INCREASE IN NR OF READY REF IS FIRST REALIZATION OF PREDICTED ACCELERATION AFTER TET HOLIDAY. FRENCH AIRLIFTED 130 9 FEB 77 10 FEB 129 11 FEB. PART 4. APPROX 100 MIL AND QUASI-MIL VIETMINH DESERTERS ARR HAIPHONG 10 FEB. SPONTANEOUS DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE AT CITY HALL HIGHLIGHTED BY SPEECHES DETAILING SUFFERING UNDER VIETMINH AND SHOUTS OF PRAISE FOR THE EVAC. SEVERAL DESERTERS CLAIMED TO HAVE FOUGHT IN THE VIETMINH ARMY SINCE 1946, ALL HAD GRIEVANCES AGAINST THE VIETMINH

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REGIME AND DECIDED TO LEAVE WHEN THEY LEARNED ESCAPE WAS POSSIBLE THROUGH HAIPHONG. GROUP WAS TAKEN TO CAMPS AND WILL BE TAKEN SOUTH WHEN OTHER REF. ASTARMA HAIPHONG HAS REPORT. PART 5. ON 8 FEB GEN COGNY PUB IN THE PRESS AN OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION STATING THAT FRENCH CIVS MUST EVAC HAIPHONG BY 15 APR. AFTER THAT DATE THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED AS DESIROUS OF STAYING PAST 18 MAY. PREVIOUS STATEMENT SETTING 1 FEB AS DEADLINE EVIDENTLY FAILED TO PRODUCE DESIRED RESULTS. GEN COGNY HAD 3 CENTRAL BLOCKS IN HAIPHONG SURROUNDED WITH ARMED TROOPS TODAY TO PREVENT ANY INTERFERENCE WITH REMOVAL OF WHAT IS REPORTED AS FRENCH HOUSEHOLD GOODS TO THE DOCKS. NO INCIDENT OCCURRED

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