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(C) Notebook, entries dated between 3 November 1970 and 19 April 1972, maintained by Minh, Assistant Chief of Switchboard 200, Signal Section, Military Staff, Front R, NVA Group 559 in Laos, contains political indoctrination lessons. An entry, dated 13 October 1971, deals with the mission of the NVA volunteers in Laos. It states that the people of Indochina should closely cooperate with each other in their struggle against the US aggressors, due to the historical, geographical, social, economical, and political links among the three sister countries [Vietnam, Laos, and Khmer Republic]. The NVA volunteers were to effectively support

the Pathet Lao troops to achieve the revolution in Laos which should be regarded as an international mission. They were to primarily defend the lower Laos, an important strategic access to the Khmer Republic and the Republic of Vietnam. This area encompasses the corridors leading to all battlefields in Indochina and to the Bolovens Plateau, the base area from which effective support could be provided for the revolution in the Republic of Vietnam, Laos, and Khmer Republic. They were further to expand NVA controlled areas, safeguard NVA corridors, develop the local guerrilla warfare movement, and increase farm production to meet the requirements dictated by long term operations in Laos.