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14. SUMMARY:

(C-May 71) This report contains information obtained from an enemy document and concerns a partly coded message from Sau Nam for T3 ((possibly VC Military Region 3 Headquarters)) and addressed to R ((possibly Headquarters, SVNLA)) and E20 ((possibly 18B NVA Regiment, VC Military Region 3)). The message, dated 6 November 1970, states that J6ADAC ((possibly code for E20)) has been experiencing a severe shortage of supplies and that Unit 195 of the Rear Service element of ((VC)) Military Region 3 had turned its warehouse facilities over to ((possibly rear service agencies)) of the South-Western Military Region and terminated activities in this area. The message also reveals various activities of elements subordinate to 18B NVA Regiment.

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((Message)) from T3 ((possibly VC Military Region 3 Headquarters))
to R ((possibly Headquarters, SVNLA)) and to E20 ((possibly 18B
NVA Regiment, VC Military Region 3))
(Use Code Table HAU GIANG)

((Marginal note:)) Nga d5 ((possibly 5th Battalion)), 08 ZN ((sic))

((End of marginal note))

I. SITUATION:

1. According to the report of J6ADAC ((possibly code for E20)), this unit is encountering difficulties in the procurement of sampans due to a shortage of money.
2. The preparation of materials such as rice, nylon sheets, clothing items, and medicine cannot be made yet.
3. The unit has no time to consolidate, due to its continuous combat activities. Particularly, its replacements have not arrived yet and it has a high illness rate.
4. Enemy ((RVNAP/FWMAF)) units have been conducting continuous attacks at Sam Mountain, Thất Sơn ((Seven Mountains)), and the Mo So Area. Especially in the Mo So Area, they have conducted operations to block friendly ((VC/NVA)) entry and exit routes, thus making it difficult for friendly supply activities to take place. As a result, friendly troops have had to eat rice soup and two-thirds of them have become sick (according to the report from Rach Gia). This situation has caused difficulties in the preparation of materials and "adjustment of friendly units' formation" ((possibly meaning reorganization)).
5. Recently, QK ((possibly VC Military Region 3)) had no rear service agency in this area. Unit 195 of the Rear Service Element of ((VC Military Region 3)) turned over its warehouse facilities to ((possibly the rear service agencies)) of the Southwestern Military Region. ((Unit 195)) has now been reorganized to ensure the movement of J6ADAC and receive recruits sent by higher echelons. At the present time, Unit 195 only has B5AM ((code)) infantry troops and approximately ARAC ((code)) assault youths and a number of sampans. Military Region ((3 Headquarters)) has directed these ((assault youths)) to guide Unit J6ADAC back to the Military Region by sampans and prepare to receive recruits in the future.
6. By late Nov ((70)), the tide will recede and grass will grow high, so no movement either by sampans or on foot can be conducted, and we will not be able to move until the dry season.

II. For this reason, ((Units)) J6ADAC and

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G6AA/J6AMAC do not have enough time to move before the ((low)) tide season starts. Consequently Military Region ((3 Headquarters)) orders ((the friendly units concerned)) to start making all such necessary preparations as (rice, ammunition and sampans), ((securing)) movement corridors, and reorganizing in order to insure their ((forthcoming)) movements. They must conduct activities while gradually moving down to ((the VC Military Region 3 area)).

((Units)) J6ADAC and B5AA/J6AMAC must conduct activities in their present areas of operation and, at the same time, make preparations in all fields. They must also gradually move down to ((the VC Military Region 3 area)) and, using available supplies, send each element or unit to the military region in accordance with the procedure fixed by R.

Specific ((directives)):

1. Concerning the situation of K5J4T5U8 ((code)), the Military Region ((3 Headquarters)) had directed Q9Z2D3K6W2 ((code)) to provide it with G9P2 ((code)) supplies and settle its problems on the spot. Recently, 1T/M ((code)) has moved up to AKI 7C8 ((code)).

Unit J6ADAC must seek ways to send supplies to friendly troops bivouacking in the K5J4T5U8 area to enable them to frustrate the enemy plan of encroaching on our land ((meaning pacification program)) from being carried out in the K5J4T5U8 area. Unit J6ADAC must also prepare to guide AMB5 of B5AA from the area of ((Unit)) 195 back to the K5J4T5U8 area, and evacuate all the sick soldiers of B5AS and B5 Sapper Unit back to the AKI7C8 area.

2. When rice is available in AKI7C8, Unit J6ADAC must send one d ((battalion)) from the AT Mountain area to the Y5A2W7Q2W2 area for activities. Specifically, elements of the R62 ((Unit)) are to operate along the I7W2U5K6S6Q9Z2D3K6W2 Route, from AKI7C8 to the northern area of the B3F2T3L2 Route. The remaining forces will have to operate in the AT Mountain area. The mission of ((friendly elements)) in Y5A2W7Q2W2 is presented in the movement plan. However, to perform the movement, it is not necessary that movements of friendly forces in all positions be made at the same time, but only in accordance with practical conditions. ((Friendly units)) in AT Mountain area must operate in accordance with the instructions of R.

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A small element of Unit 195 and B5AA/J6AMAC is to operate along the J1I6U3P6 River line to protect the corridor and receive reinforcements for K5J4T5U8.

3. Assault youths of B5AM and ((Unit)) 195 are to be sent to B5AA and J6ADAC to serve as guides and row the sampans. Recruits are to be assigned to combat units as replacements. Only a few of them will be in large groups in order to avoid loss of personnel on the way.

4. The J6 Command Committee is to assign a comrade to Unit 195 to see Tu Khanh, ((a member of)) the Rear Service Staff of T3, to discuss a troop movement plan. ((The movement of friendly units in the)) areas north and south of the B3F2T3L2 Route is the responsibility of other elements. This comrade must stay at Unit 195 to prepare for the movement of B5AA and the recruits. He will not return to his unit until these forces have moved away.

The politico-military commanders of J6 have to be present at AKI7C8 no later than 10 to 15 Nov ((possibly 70)), to meet ((the cadre of)) Q9Z2D3K6W2 Province Party Committee, Province Unit, and U5AK combat cadre to discuss the troop movement and activity plan ((for the units concerned)). The command post should be set up in the AKI7C8 area and close contact established with Q9Z2D3K6W2 and ((VC)) Military Region ((3 Headquarters)) in order to provide effective leadership for the activities and troop movement preparations ((of the units concerned)).

Suggestion:

While J6ADAC is conducting operations and preparing for its movement, R should continue to give it assistance in all fields and provide it with some ((transportation)) facilities necessary for its movement. Military Region ((3 Headquarters)) should plan ((to provide transportation facilities for J6ADAC)) to enable this unit to move down from AKI7C8 and up as far as K5L4T5U8.

To ensure the movement of J6ADAC, ((VC)) Military Region ((3 Headquarters)) is to deploy a rear service

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element along the ((commo-liaison)) corridor connecting Unit 195 to ((VC)) Military Region ((3 area)). This rear service element will also be in charge of receiving the recruits provided by R.

For Headquarters, T3 ((possibly
VC Military Region 3))

/S/ Sau Nam

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