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SUBJECT PRESENCE OF CHINESE COMMUNIST TROOPS IN NORTH VIETNAM IN OCTOBER 1965

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1. (SUMMARY: WHILE ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMPANY [REDACTED] 1.3(a)(4)
[REDACTED] WAS QUARTERED IN PHU THO PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM
(NVN), IN OCTOBER 1965 TO PROTECT A RAILROAD BRIDGE JOINING PHU THO
AND YEN BAI, THEIR POLITICAL OFFICER ADVISED THAT CHINESE COMMUNIST
ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNITS WERE STATIONED IN YEN BAI. COMPANY [REDACTED] SAW
CHINESE TROOPS ON THREE OCCASIONS. ON 15 OCTOBER PART OF THE
COMPANY WAS ORDERED TO HELP CARRY FOOD AND PERSONAL EFFECTS FOR
A NEWLY ARRIVED CHINESE UNIT. LATER A CHINESE SQUAD PASSED THE
ANTI-AIRCRAFT POSITIONS OF COMPANY [REDACTED] MOVING TOWARD VU YEN RAILROAD
STATION. DURING LATE OCTOBER, 100 CHINESE SOLDIERS WERE SEEN AT
CHI CHU RAILROAD STATION.)

2. DURING OCTOBER 1965, ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMPANY [REDACTED] 1.3(a)(4)
[REDACTED] WAS QUARTERED IN THANH BA DISTRICT,
PHU THO PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM (NVN), (APPROXIMATE COORDINATES
WJ 110735) TO PROTECT A RAILROAD BRIDGE JOINING PHU THO AND
YEN BAI. THE COMPANY'S POLITICAL OFFICER ADVISED THE MEN THAT
CHINESE COMMUNIST ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNITS WERE STATIONED IN YEN BAI
AND THAT A CHINESE UNIT WOULD JOIN COMPANY [REDACTED] COMMENT:
[REDACTED] ANOTHER SOURCE,
REPORTED THE PRESENCE OF ONE CHINESE COMMUNIST ANTI-AIRCRAFT
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COMPANY IN YEN BAI PROVINCE IN AUGUST 1965.) TWO SOLDIERS ASSIGNED TO COMPANY [REDACTED] FROM HA BAC PROVINCE ALSO KNEW OF A CHINESE ANTI-AIRCRAFT PLATOON QUARTERED THERE. COMPANY [REDACTED] HEARD THAT THE CHINESE WERE CAREFUL NOT TO TAKE ANYTHING FROM THE LOCAL PEOPLE AND EVEN DUG THEIR OWN WELLS ALTHOUGH THERE WERE MANY IN THE AREA. NVN SOLDIERS AND LOCAL PEOPLE WERE EXCITED AND HAPPY THAT CHINESE TROOPS HAD COME TO HELP THEM.

3. [REDACTED] ABOUT 60 MEMBERS OF COMPANY [REDACTED] WERE ORDERED TO CARRY FOOD AND PERSONAL EFFECTS FOR A NEWLY ARRIVED CHINESE COMMUNIST UNIT. THEY WENT TO LANG DUONG VILLAGE WHERE THEY SPENT THE NIGHT (APPROXIMATE COORDINATES WJ 113764). [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SIX FOUR-WHEELED TRUCKS WERE SEEN STOPPING ALONG THE ROAD ONE OF WHICH CARRIED ABOUT 70 CHINESE TROOPS WEARING BLUE-GRAY UNIFORMS. THE CHINESE WORE CHINESE-STYLE LOOSE TUNICS, LARGE BELTS AT THEIR WAISTS, LEGGINGS, AND ANKLE-LENGTH CLOTH SHOES. THEY WORE BLUE-GRAY HATS AND CARRIED KNAPSACKS; SOME OF THEM WERE ARMED WITH AK SUBMACHINE GUNS OR SKS RIFLES; OTHERS HAD NO WEAPONS. THE CHINESE APPEARED TO BE 19 OR 20 YEARS OLD AND SAID THEY CAME DIRECTLY FROM KWANGTUNG, CHINA. THREE TRUCKS WERE LOADED WITH FOOD AND MILITARY UNIFORMS.

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ONE OF THE TRUCKS WAS CARRYING ABOUT 30 BAGS OF RICE AND WHEAT POWDER; EACH BAG WEIGHED ABOUT 50 KILOGRAMS. THE WHEAT POWDER WAS IN CANVAS BAGS, AND THE RICE WAS IN BAGS OF HEMP; ALL OF THE SACKS WERE NEW AND UNMARKED. THE REMAINING TWO TRUCKS WERE LOADED WITH FOLDING BEDS AND A LARGE NUMBER OF BUNDLES ABOUT 150 METERS SQUARE. COMPANY ■ HELPED TO UNLOAD THE TRUCKS.

4. THE CHINESE QUARTERED A LOW HILL ABOUT 500 METERS SOUTH OF LANG DUONG VILLAGE (APPROXIMATE COORDINATES WJ 110760). THE UNIT'S FACILITIES CONSISTED OF TWO THATCHED BUILDINGS, 4 BY 12 METERS, AND A FOOD STORAGE BUILDING, 4 BY 6 METERS. THE BUILDINGS WERE WELL CAMOUFLAGED IN THE THICKLY FORESTED AREA.

5. COMPANY ■ NEXT SAW CHINESE COMMUNISTS ■ WHEN A CHINESE SQUAD PASSED BY THEIR ANTI-AIRCRAFT POSITIONS MOVING TOWARD VU YEN RAILROAD STATION. THEY NOTICED A LARGE, FAT CHINESE WHO SEEMED TO BE THE SQUAD LEADER, ARMED WITH A PISTOL; SOME OF THE OTHERS WERE ARMED WITH SUBMACHINE GUNS.

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6. ■ COMPANY ■ WAS ORDERED TO JOIN OTHER UNITS ■ AT VAN THANG. ARRIVING AT CHI CHU RAILROAD STATION (WJ 158702), THEY NOTICED ABOUT 100 CHINESE COMMUNIST SOLDIERS, SOME OF THEM ARMED, WEARING THE SAME STYLE UNIFORMS

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AS THOSE WORN BY THE SOLDIERS [REDACTED] THE SOLDIERS APPEARED TO BE WAITING FOR THE TRAIN. IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED TO WHICH MILITARY BRANCH THE CHINESE UNIT BELONGED OR WHAT ITS FUNCTIONS WOULD BE, BUT IT WAS SURMISED THAT THE CHINESE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING THE HANOI-VAN NAM RAILROAD. IT WAS NOT KNOWN, HOWEVER, IF THE CHINESE WOULD SEND ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS TO NVN FOR USE OF THEIR TROOPS.)

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7. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE USAID JUSPAO USMACV USARV NAVFORV 7TH AIR FORCE DIST 58/OSI 525TH MIG CINCPAC ARPAC PACAF PACFLT.

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