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PROBABLE PAVN 304TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN DEPLOYMENT

The most recent communications posture assumed by the probable 304th Infantry Division indicates that the division, with the exception of the possible 14th AAA Battalion, is now in deployment. SIGINT also suggests the subordinates of the division are deploying under radio silence.

After terminating normal communications on 11 November, the division headquarters established a new communications group on 12 November.^a Two of the five subordinates on this new group were identified as serving suspect infantry regiments, one of which has been located in Ha Tinh Province, Military Region 4 since July 1967. The other three subordinates remain unidentified. Following the activation of this new group, six days of relatively stable, although not heavy, communications activity were noted with all subordinates. However, subsequent to 18 November, the division headquarters has been in contact with only one subordinate; the suspect infantry regiment in Ha Tinh Province.

On 13 November, a broadcast facility serving the probable 304th Division was also activated by the division headquarters. This broadcast facility, which consists of a control (division headquarters) and four subscribers, all unidentified, remains active through 21 November. The use of a broadcast by the division precludes any locations of the subordinates of the probable 304th Division and suggests the subordinates are deploying under radio silence. The division headquarters was last tentatively located on 17 November in the area of 19-00N 105-20E (WG 3401) in Nghe An Province. The division headquarters continues to communicate with Hq, Military Region 3 South, however, communications with the PAVN High Command have been unobserved since 15 November.

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PROBABLE PAVN 320TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN UNUSUAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY

The manual Morse communications complex serving the probable PAVN 320th Infantry Division, located in the Hung Yen area at 20-43N 106-02E (XH 0792), has been unobserved since 14 November. When last observed, the communications complex consisted of the 320th's Division Headquarters and six of its subordinates: three suspected infantry regiments, last noted in communications with division headquarters on 22 and 29 October and 13 November, respectively; a suspected artillery regiment, last observed on 17 October; a possible 14th AAA Battalion, last observed on 14 November; and an unidentified regimental echelon element, last heard on 29 October.

One suspected infantry regiment, last noted on 22 October, initiated communications with Hq, Military Region (MR) 3 North on 16 October and continues to communicate with that headquarters through 21 November, possibly indicating an independent status. Communications between the probable 320th Infantry Division and PAVN High Command ceased on 18 November; however, communications between the division headquarters and Hq, MR 3 North have continued through 22 November. In addition, a communications link between the Hq, 320th Division and an unidentified subordinate of Hq, MR 3 South was initiated on 1 October and continued sporadically through 19 November.

SIGINT has not provided the reason for the unusual activity of the 320th Division. It has occurred, however, at the same time as the SIGINT-indicated deployment of the probable PAVN 304th Infantry Division out of MR 3 South.^a

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MAJOR PAVN GROUND FORCE DEPLOYMENTS FROM

MILITARY REGION 3 NORTH AND SOUTH

SIGINT now indicates a major deployment by PAVN ground force units from Military Region (MR) 3 is currently underway. The two units involved are the probable PAVN 304th and 320th Infantry Divisions from MR 3 south and north, respectively.^{ab}

Since early November, almost all normal "internal" communications associated with these two divisions have been unobserved. Meanwhile, at least three new communications entities associated with out-of-country activity have been observed--two in connection with the probable 304th Division and one in connection with the probable 320th. The first entity, a watch group, first heard 12 November, was found to be serving the probable 304th Headquarters and five of its original six subordinates i.e., two suspect infantry regiments, a suspect artillery regiment and two unidentified regimental-echelon subordinates. A broadcast group, which parallels the first group, was also activated at approximately the same time by Hq, probable 304th Division. These two communications groups represent the division headquarters and four of those five subordinates in deployment. The fifth subordinate on these two communications groups had earlier deployed (July 1967) to MR 4.^c The last of the original six subordinates of the probable 304th Division has been identified as the possible 14th AAA Battalion and has probably remained in MR 3 south, as a subordinate of the tentative MR 3 south Air Defense Command Post (ADCP). The division headquarters continues to be located in the general Vinh area of MR 4, along with the suspect infantry regiment which has been in that area since July. One unidentified regimental-echelon subordinate and the suspect artillery regiment are unlocated at this time. Of the remaining two subordinates--a suspect infantry regiment and an unidentified regimental-echelon subordinate--the first was tentatively located on 22 November in the DMZ area at 16-57N 106-46E (XD 9777),^d the other in Laos at 16-50N 106-08E (XD 225644) on 29 November.^e Additionally, the regimental-echelon subordinate in Laos has been observed on the watch group serving the DMZ Front since 18 November and continuing sporadically through 27 November. The other subordinate was tentatively observed in communications with the DMZ Front only on 22 November. These communications possibly indicate that the DMZ area is the ultimate destination or the route to be followed during movement of the deploying units of the probable 304th Division.

The third communications entity, a watch group consisting of a control and five subscribers, is also associated with out-of-country activity was active at least as early as 8 November. This group serves Hq, probable 320th Infantry Division and five unidentified subscribers, one of which has been firmly equated to a suspect infantry regiment of the division. Although the remaining four subscribers are unidentified, message characteristics indicate that they are also subordinate to or associated with the probable 320th Division. Additional indications of deployment by this division were noted on the High Command mainline broadcast serving PAVN units and replacement personnel infiltrating through Laos. On 4 November, four new subscribers were noted on this broadcast net. On 25 November Hanoi relayed ten messages to one of these

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new subscribers using message characteristics unique to MR 3 north. These messages were originated by an unidentified unlocated terminal which was subsequently observed on the watch group serving the DMZ Front on 27 November. One message, also unique to units of MR 3 north, was sent by this same unidentified terminal to the DMZ Front.

Other technical characteristics displayed by the group serving the probable 320th Division possibly indicate that this unit will or is presently deploying through the Laotian panhandle for unknown points south of the DMZ. The deploying subordinates of the 320th Division probably include two suspect infantry regiments, an artillery regiment and an unidentified regimental-echelon subordinate. SIGINT indicates that the other two subordinates of the division, another suspect infantry regiment and the possible 14th AAA Battalion will remain in MR 3 north. All deploying subordinates and the 320th Division Headquarters are unlocated.

In summary, SIGINT through 30 November indicates that at least eight subordinates of the two divisions are deploying--three suspect infantry regiments, two suspect artillery regiments and three unidentified regimental-echelon subordinates. Evidence suggests the 304th Division is heading for or passing through the DMZ area. The 320th Division's destination is unknown; however, as noted, its deployment may possibly be through the Laotian panhandle to points in South Vietnam.

- a. 2/O/VCM/R231-67, 2/O/VCM/R232-67.
- b. 2/O/VCM/R237-67.
- c. 3/O/STY/R171-67, 20 July 1967.
- d. 2/O/VCM/R236-67.
- e. 2/G11/VCM/R1221-67.

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DEPLOYMENTS OF PROBABLE PAVN 304TH AND 320TH DIVISIONS

REFLECTED IN PAVN HIGH COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS

Additional information on movements of certain deploying elements of the probable PAVN 304th and 320th Divisions has become available through SIGINT, including the probable locations of the Hq, 320th Division in the vicinity of 16-42N 106-19E (XD 419468). This information is based on analysis revealing that the subordinates of the PAVN High Command communications groups first observed on 9 November, and originally identified as serving elements of the probable 304th and 320th Divisions, may actually be "way stations" which service deploying elements of these divisions.^a The group presently consists of a High Command control and five subordinates. The five subordinates are generally located in a north-to-south direction as follows (Station labels ALFA through ECHO are arbitrary): Station ALFA, 20-50N 105-50E (WJ 8604); Station BRAVO, 19-50N 105-25E (WG 4394); Station CHARLIE, 18-48N 105-40E (WF 7078); Station DELTA, 18-20N 105-45E (WF 7926); and Station ECHO, 16-42N 106-19E (XD 419468).

The northernmost "way station" was noted sending messages on 6 and 10 December to High Command, all of which were associated with a suspect infantry regiment of the probable 320th Division. Some of these messages were to be relayed to Hq, 320th Division. Subsequently, from 11 through 14 December, Station CHARLIE sent messages associated with this same suspect infantry regiment indicating that this unit had moved to the Vinh area.

Messages associated with Hq, probable 320th Division have been sent to the High Command by Stations CHARLIE, DELTA and ECHO during the following time frames: between 29 November and 3 December, Station CHARLIE sent messages, some of which were destined for an unidentified, unlocated terminal associated with the probable 320th Division (this same terminal was observed in communications with the DMZ Front on 27 November). On 5 December, messages associated with Hq, 320th Division were sent by Station DELTA. On 11 December, messages associated with this same division headquarters were sent by Station ECHO suggesting the present location of the Hq, 320th Division, as well as the fact that it had previously passed through the areas of Stations CHARLIE and DELTA.

Messages associated with Hq, probable 304th Division were sent by Station DELTA on 29 November indicating that this headquarters was in Station DELTA's area at that time. However, the most recent location of this headquarters is 17-05N 106-35E (XD 6992) on 12 December.

Stations DELTA and ECHO^b were also noted sending messages belonging to an unidentified entity associated with the probable 304th Division on 30 November and 3 through 6 December, respectively, indicating that this terminal is also located in the vicinity of 16-42N 106-19E (XD 419468).

Station BRAVO has not been noted sending messages.

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b. Station ECHO has been identified as the terminal serving an element associated with the probable PAVN 304th Infantry Division (2/0/VCM/R258-67).

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PROBABLE PAVN 304TH AND 320TH DIVISIONS--21 DECEMBER 1967

SIGINT has continued to provide evidence of the deployment of elements of both the probable PAVN 304th and 320th Infantry Divisions from North Vietnam, initially indicated by the disappearance in early November of all normal "internal" communications associated with these two divisions. This report summarizes the activity of the various PAVN radio groups which reflect the deployment southward of the two divisions, as of 21 December.

Since early November the following communications developments have been associated with the movements of the 304th and 320th:

1. The appearance on 9 November of a new High Command-controlled communications group believed to be serving elements of the deploying divisions^a and the later identification of these High Command subordinates as fixed "way stations," which temporarily service deploying elements of both divisions;^b
2. An increase of seven subscribers since early November on the High Command-controlled broadcast group which serves groups of replacement personnel and main force units infiltrating into South Vietnam, and the receipt by these subscribers of messages encrypted in a system associated with PAVN units in North Vietnam and/or committed to the DMZ area^c (five of the seven new subscribers are believed to be units of the two divisions.);
3. The appearance of two new possibly major Vietnamese Communist headquarters on 29 November and 16 December on the radio group linking High Command with major headquarters in or associated with South Vietnam.^d The exact identification of the two new subscribers is not presently known.

The communications posture assumed by the probable 304th Division in early November remains unchanged.^e The probable Hq, PAVN 559th Transportation Group watch net has acquired, since 14 December, three new subscribers which are using a signal plan unique to elements associated with the 320th and/or the 304th Divisions.^f Normal communications associated with the 304th Division were terminated on 11 November. The communications group which was established on 12 November continues to be observed and provides contact between the Hq, 304th Division and five subordinates.^g The division headquarters also instituted a broadcast group on 13 November which parallels the other group and continues to be observed to date.

Communications on the PAVN High Command group comprised of five, possibly six, "way stations"--four in North Vietnam, one east of Tchepone, Laos, and one unlocated--have provided general locations for deploying elements of both the 304th and 320th Divisions. While SIGINT last located the Hq, 304th Division on 19 December in the area of 16-50N 105-40E (WD 7260), the station located in the Tchepone area (arbitrarily labelled ECHO) receipted for a message originated by Hq, 304th Division, suggesting that the division headquarters may be destined for the same area of Laos. SIGINT indicates that two subordinates of the 304th Division have transited the area east of Tchepone where Station ECHO is located.

The most recent locations of the deploying PAVN 304th Division elements as reflected in SIGINT are:

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Suspect Infantry Regiment	17-35N 106-35E (XE 6645)	12 December
Suspect Infantry Regiment	18-35N 105-35E (WF 6255)	16 December
Unidentified Regimental- echelon subordinate	17-10N 106-05E (XD 1697)	12 December
Unidentified Regimental- echelon subordinate	16-28N 106-48E (XD 9222) serviced by Station ECHO as late as 21 December	
Suspect Artillery Regiment	17-30N 106-05E (XE 1535)	15 December

Additionally, messages originated by an unidentified entity associated with the 304th Division have also been passed by Station ECHO as late as 15 December, indicating that this entity was located in the area of 16-42N 106-19E (XD 425467).^b

Messages originated by Hq, 320th Division have also been passed by Station ECHO from 11 to as late as 21 December, indicating that at least an element of the division headquarters has been located east of Tchepone, Laos.^h SIGINT has been unable to provide locations for the subordinates of the 320th Division. Communications on the group instituted by the division on 8 November to contact its subordinates have been sporadically observed since that date.ⁱ Internal DRV communications between Hq, 320th Division and High Command ceased to be observed on 18 November. Communications between an element of the division headquarters, possibly left behind in the garrison area, and Hq, Military Region 3 North continue to be noted. Activity on the "way station" complex indicates that 320th Division subordinates are moving south. Messages from a suspect infantry regiment of the 320th Division have been passed by Station CHARLIE as late as 18 December.

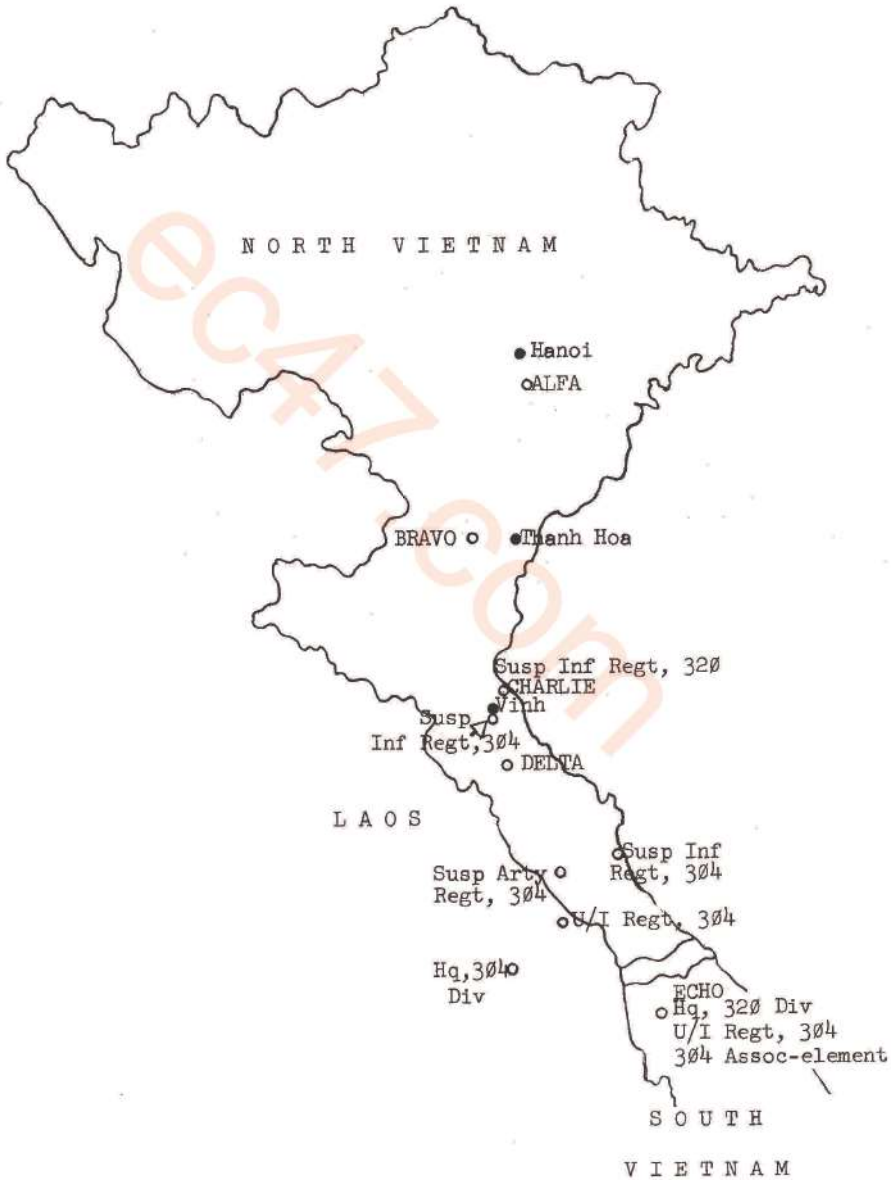
In summary, the communications which have reflected the deploying elements of the 304th and 320th Divisions include: the two groups serving the Hq, PAVN 304th Division in communications with its subordinates; one group serving the Hq, 320th Division in communications with its subordinates, which is noted only sporadically; the broadcast group controlled from High Command serving groups/units infiltrating into South Vietnam; and the High Command group consisting of five, and possibly six, subordinates believed to be "way stations" located in Laos and North Vietnam. (The locations of the deploying elements of the two divisions and the five way stations are depicted on a map to be included in the hard copy follow-up to this report.)

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- a. 2/0/VCM/R250-67.
 - b. 2/0/VCM/R262-67.
 - c. 2/0/VCM/R252-67 and Supplements 1 and 2.
 - d. 2/0/VCM/R243-67, R263-67.
 - e. 2/0/VCM/R232-67.
 - f. 2/0/VCM/R264-67, R265-67, R266-67.
 - g. 2/0/VCM/R231-67.
 - h. 3/0/STY/R303-67.
 - i. 2/0/VCM/R241-67.

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