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1/1 (Page 1)	Circumstances of Capture: Date: 7 May 70 Covert: AT400WY Province: Keppong Chum Cambodia CTZ: P. III CTZ Unit: 24th Armer (-), 1/25th US INF Div (N) → 1st US Cav Div (N) Hatch No: 05-015-70 Operation: Tumb: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Ext: <input type="checkbox"/> , null: <input type="checkbox"/> Circumstances: Received COECR: 5 May 70.
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(C) Emergency Communiqué, Katum District Unit, Tuy-Hinh Province,
 Preparations for Emergency Encounters, belonging to Headquarters, S.A.L.W.

(C) (1 page, typewritten; #3) Emergency communiqué, dated 19 Mar

Prepared for the signature of Tu Hai, Command Committee, Katum
 District Unit, ~~Tuy-Hinh Province~~, addressed to all subordinate
 units, outlines measures to be taken in case confrontation with "K"
 ((meaning Khmer, aka Cambodian)) soldiers; and, directs addressee to
~~return emergency communiqués~~
 return their documents and property ((meaning equipment)), and to
 be combat ready.

Document also informs addressee about the overthrow of Sihanouk
 and the situation ~~at~~ the ((Cambodian-Vietnamese)) border areas.

Following is full translation of this emergency communiqué.

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KATUM District Unit
Headquarters

EMERGENCY COMMUNIQUE

To All Units Subordinate to Katum District Hq.

In compliance with an emergency message received from ~~Long Son~~ Province Unit Headquarters, the following information concerning the situation of "K" ~~possibly meaning CGOVN~~ ~~Long Son~~ ~~area~~ ~~bordering~~ ~~Siem Reap~~ ~~Cambodia~~ is passed to all subordinate villages.

1. Siem Reap has been overthrown.

On 191000 hours Mar 70, a company of "K" ~~Cambodian~~ soldiers moved to Phnom Penh in the Soc Thiec area and clashed with friendly forces.

In the Lang Don area, the "K" ~~Cambodian~~ authorities have severed all relations with friendly forces. They even captured two weapons from friendly forces on 15 and 17 Mar 70.

There are increasing difficulties in the ~~Cambodia-Vietnam~~ border areas.

2. The District Headquarters has prescribed the following measures:

(1) All ~~staff~~ agencies, military units, hospitals, and storage facilities located in the "K" border areas must be ready for emergency evacuation when required.

(2) Mines should be planted (with signs showing the symbol for mines) in all areas where ~~property~~ ~~meaning equipment~~ and documents are concealed ~~meaning~~ ~~are buried~~.

(3) All units are directed to reduce their routine activities and remain quiet. They should also carefully ~~keep~~ their documents ~~be combat ready by~~ carrying along their weapons at all times, and take maximum precautionary measures against enemy special forces reconnaissance elements. They should also be vigilant against operations which may be conducted by "K" ~~Cambodian~~ soldiers in conjunction with air and artillery ~~strike~~. Those individuals who are required to go on TDY must travel in groups comprised of two or three persons. These people must, at all costs, not allow the "K" soldiers to capture them. Under

weapons, or their documents.

(4) No units should be authorized to enter ~~Cambodian~~ hamlets during the day or night. No movements should be authorized on "K" ~~Cambodian~~ territory during the day.

(5) Each unit must immediately establish a guerrilla unit for self defense. More attention should be paid to the defense of the forward area than the rear area.

(6) In each unit location, security guard service must be doubled day and night. At the same time, reconnaissance elements should be dispatched to all surrounding areas in order to discover the activities of the "K" troops. Meanwhile, appropriate measures should be taken to cope with each circumstance. Those units which are located close to storage facilities, must be prepared to provide assistance for the protection of these facilities when required. All access roads leading to storage facilities must be well camouflaged.

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III. MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN NEW CONFRONTATION WITH "K" TROOPS.

When confronted with "K" troops, use this statement: "We have long been authorized by Prime Minister Lon Nol to stay in this area. Our departure from this area will be decided upon by your higher headquarters. We, at low echelons should not kill each other." It is strictly forbidden to mention Sihanouk. The idea is to use words to convince them. We will fight them in self-defense if they attempt to destroy us. If they use artillery fire ~~power~~ against us, we should direct attacks against their artillery positions.

IV. General Policy: It is our general policy to rely primarily on political efforts to persuade them. In the event this effort fails, we must rely on our rights of self-defense.

All units are required to ~~properly~~ comply with this directive. Additional instructions will be provided as required.

19 Mar 70
For District Command Committee
Signed TU NAI

CDRC COMMENTS: Correlation with other documents captured under the same circumstances indicate~~s~~ that this document was originated by the Military Staff Department of Headquarters, SVNLA, and distributed to the political office of Unit 429 ~~aka~~
^{J16} ~~aka~~ Sapper Command. The designation "Katum District Unit Headquarters" possibly represents the fact that most of the agencies of the Military Staff Department, Headquarters, SVNLA are located in the Katum District and that the Coordinating Committee for the defense of all these agencies is referred to as "Katum District Unit Headquarters." Therefore, the units mentioned in the documents are actually subordinate agencies of the Military Staff Department of Headquarters, ^{SVNLA} including the Sapper Command. The majority of other documents captured under the same circumstances pertain to Doan 429 ^{aka} J16 ~~aka~~ Sapper Command.