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TAGS: MOPS, CB, VM  
SUBJ: PAVN POTENTIAL IN WESTERN CAMBODIA

1. (SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. VIETNAMESE ARMY (PAVN) FORCES BORDERING THAILAND  
HAVE NOT ADDED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THEIR STRENGTH SINCE  
LAST FALL. THEIR OPERATIONS AROUND BAN NON MAK MUN  
AND THE KHMER REFUGEE CAMPS THIS WEEK HAVE INVOLVED  
ELEMENTS OF THE 75TH DIVISION HEADQUARTERED AT SISOPHON  
SINCE LAST YEAR. A NUMBER OF REGIMENTS FROM THE 75TH

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HAVE LONG HELD A DEFENSE LINE ABOUT 10 KM EAST OF THE  
BORDER NORTH OF ARANYAPRATHET. THEY MERELY SHIFTED

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SLIGHTLY AND MOVED FORWARD TO LAUNCH THE JUNE 22 ATTACK. ALL PAVN BORDER DIVISIONS ARE OVERSTRENGTH WITH THE ADDITION OF EXTRA REGIMENTS.

3. IN OTHER AREAS BORDERING THAILAND, THE 307TH DIVISION AT PREAH VIHEAR PROVINCE, CAMBODIA'S NORTHERN BORDER WITH THAILAND, IS RELATIVELY QUIET AND DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA FORCES HAVE THE INITIATIVE THERE WITH MINE-LAYING AND SMALL-SCALE ATTACKS. AT ODDAR MEANCHEY PROVINCE JUST TO THE WEST, THE 72ND DIVISION HAS BEEN ACTIVE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. ELEMENTS OF THE 72ND ATTACKED TWO KHMER RESISTANCE BASES VERY NEAR THE BORDER WITH THAILAND'S SURIN PROVINCE JUNE 24. FAR SOUTH OF ARANYAPRATHET, AT PAILIN ON CAMBODIA'S WESTERN BORDER, THE 59TH DIVISION DROVE 3,000 DK SUPPORTERS INTO THAILAND IN MID-JUNE. IT HAS BEEN QUIET SINCE THEN.

4. IN SUM, AS HAS BEEN TRUE FOR THE PAST YEAR, THE VIETNAMESE ARE POISED TO STRIKE AT SHORT NOTICE AND WITHOUT GREAT FANFARE AT ANY OF THE KHMER RESISTANCE AREAS ALONG THE BORDER. THERE ARE NO SIGNS, HOWEVER, OF THE KIND OF BUILD-UP THAT WOULD BE NEEDED FOR LARGE-SCALE, SUSTAINED ATTACK ON THAILAND. ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE COULD COME IN THE AREA OF DK AND KHMER SEREI BASES JUST NORTH OF MONDAY'S ATTACK AND AT THE MAJOR DK BASE SOUTH OF ARANYAPRATHET. ELEMENTS OF THE 75TH DIVISION ARE NOW MOVING TOWARD THAT DK BASE AT PHNOM MELAI LOCATED IN CAMBODIA ABOUT 15 KM SOUTH OF ARANYAPRATHET. ANY SUCH OPERATION MIGHT BE SUPPORTED BY THE 59TH AT PAILIN MOVING NORTH

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AGAINST THIS DK BASE AREA.  
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