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COUNTRY: VIETNAM/KAMPUCHEA/USSR

SUBJ: PAVN MILITARY REGION SEVEN AMMUNITION STORAGE DUMPS;

USE OF SMALL ARMS AM. AMMUNITION;

STORAGE OF CHEMICAL ORDNANCE RECEIVED FROM THE SOVIET UNION

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TEXT: 1. THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) MILITARY REGION SEVEN (MR-7) ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT ; UNDER THE REAR SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STORAGE AND ISSUE OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION FOR PAVN UNITS IN MR-7 AND IN KAMPUCHEA. THE MR-7 ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISED A PRIMARY STORAGE AREA AT DONG DU VILLAGE IN CU CHI DISTRICT OF HO CHI MINH CITY (HCMC) AND A SECONDARY AREA AT XUAN LOC IN DONG NAI PROVINCE. (SOURCE COMMENT. ORDNANCE SOLDIERS STATIONED IN KAMPONG CHAM, KAMPUCHEA, WERE ALSO TRAINED BY MR-7 UNITS, INDICATING THAT THE STORAGE DUMPS IN KAMPONG CHAM MAY HAVE ALSO BEEN UNDER THE CONTROL OF MR-7. OUTDATED AMMUNITION FROM KAMPUCHEA WAS ALSO RETURNED TO THE DONG DU DUMP FOR DISPOSAL.)

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2. AUTHORITIES FROM THE DONG DU STORAGE AREA NORMALLY ISSUED SOVIET-PRODUCED WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION TO UNITS IN KAMPUCHEA; NO SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF UNITED STATES (U.S.) AMMUNITION HAD BEEN SENT FOR USE IN KAMPUCHEA. U.S. SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION WERE ISSUED TO VILLAGE-LEVEL MILITARY UNITS IN MR-7 AND TO STATE FISHING CRAFT.

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