There have been further signs that the North Vietnamese have begun to pull part of their forces in Laos back to their home bases. In addition to the fall-off in communications linking these forces, we have been seeing, since the middle of last week, a sizable spurt in the number of round-trip flights between Nam Tha and Dien Bien Phu which would suggest troop-ferrying operations. North Vietnamese elements in the Tchepone area of southern Laos are also on the move. However, it looks as though they are heading in the direction of the South Vietnamese border rather than homeward.
NOTES

Portion identified as non-responsive to the appeal
I. UAR Ambassador comments on US policy toward neutrals.

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