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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT MESSAGE MENTIONED REF REQUESTING

HIGH ALTITUDE PHOTOGRAPHY LAO/CHINA BORDER AREA AND PHONG SALY
PROVINCE:"1. 4802 JLD REQUESTS HIGH ALTITUDE U-2 PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE
MISSIONS BE REINSTITUTED IN NORTHERN LAOS, UTILIZING THE

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TRACK OF GNT983 OR GNT 948

OR

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T901/T309, THE ABOVE

MENTIONED MISSIONS WOULD PROVIDE CRITICALLY NEEDED PHOTO

COVERAGE OF THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE LAOS/THAILAND BORDER TO
THE WEST, THE LAOS/ CHINA BORDER TO THE NORTH (INCLUDING THE
PROVINCE OF PHONG SALY), 104 DEGREES EAST TO THE EAST AND 20
DEGREES NORTH TO THE SOUTH.

"2. THIS AREA INCLUDES:

A. ROUTES 411/321: A MOTORABLE ROUTE BETWEEN MENG PENG
(CHINA) AND MUONG SING (LAOS). MENG PENG IS A MAJOR BARRACKS/
LOGISTICS CENTER IN THE YUNNAN SALIENT. ADDITIONAL STORAGE
AREAS ARE LOCATED BETWEEN HUI-PO-YEN AND THE LAOS/CHINA**SECRET**

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BORDER. MUONG SING IS A LARGE ENEMY HELD POPULATION CENTER AND A STAGING POINT FOR ENEMY MILITARY ACTIVITY. MUONG SING ALSO LIES AT THE NORTHEAST END OF THE NAM NONE VALLEY WHICH IS AN EASY ROUTE TO THE MEKONG RIVER AND BURMA.

B. ROUTES 21/49: A MOTORABLE^{LE} ROUTE CONNECTING MENG LA (CHINA) WITH BOUN NEUA AND PHONG SALLY IN LAOS. MENG LA IS A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF WAR MATERIAL TO NORTHERN LAOS. PHONG SALLY IS ALSO THE CENTER OF FOUR ENEMY BATTALIONS. THIS ROAD ENDS AT HAT SA ON THE NAM OU RIVER, WHICH IS ALSO A MAJOR ENEMY LOGISTICS ROUTE THROUGH THE CENTER OF NORTH LAOS.

C. ROUTE 412: A MOTORABLE ROAD BETWEEN MENG LA AND THE CHINA/LAOS BORDER IN THE VICINITY OF BATENE. STORAGE DEPOTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AT THE ROAD HEAD, IMMEDIATELY INSIDE OF CHINA. ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAS BEEN REPORTED ON LAOTIAN ROUTE 31/3 WHICH CONNECTS BATENE WITH MUANG LOUNG NAM THA; A LARGE ENEMY HELD POPULATION CENTER AND LOCATION OF ONE ENEMY BATTALION. ROUTE 3 AND THE NAM THA (RIVER) PROVIDE ROUTES SOUTHWEST FROM MUANG LOUNG NAM THA TOWARD RLG POSITIONS LOCATED ALONG THE MEKONG RIVER.

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D. ROUTE 4023 AND AN ELABORATE TRAIL SYSTEM IS UTILIZED TO RESUPPLY MUONG AY, AN ENEMY LOGISTICS BASE IN NORTH LAOS. BY MEANS OF ROUTE 4 AND THE NAM NGAO/NAM BENG VALLEY, SUPPLIES ARE MOVED TO MUONG SAI, A MAJOR ENEMY POPULATION CENTER AND MILITARY BASE, AND RLG POSITIONS LOCATED ALONG THE MEKONG RIVER.

"3. PHOTOGRAPHY TO BE UTILIZED FOR MONITORING STATUS OF LOGISTICS FACILITIES AND ROUTES, IDENTIFYING AREAS OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR, VERIFYING REPORTS OBTAINED FROM UNITS OPERATING IN THIS AREA AND TO AID IN OPERATIONAL PLANNING."

2. ABOVE MESSAGE TRANSMITTED BY 7/13AF AT 091135Z TO COMUSMACV INFO: DINCPC J-2, 7AF OI.

25X1 3. REQUEST DIRECTOR ☐ EXPEDITE THIS REQUEST FOR COVERAGE.

4. STATION ALSO INTERESTED IN INFO FROM ALL SOURCE CONCERNED WITH CHINESE ROAD CONSTRUCTION INTO LAOS AND

25X1 CHINESE INCURSIONS INTO LAOS. REQUEST HAS, ☐ SAIGON TASK APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS TO FORWARD SUCH INFO VIENTIANE STATION.

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