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ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, IN PREPARATION OF A DETAILED REPORT ON INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN CAMBODIA, HAS REVEALED INFORMATION WHICH IS SIMILAR IN SOME RESPECTS TO THE PATTERNS NOTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY BEFORE EARLIER COMMUNIST ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. FORCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

WHAT FOLLOWS IS ESSENTIALLY A THINK-PIECE PRODUCED BY NPIC TO GENERATE STUDY AND ATTENTION BY FINISHED-INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS. THE CENTER WILL BE HAPPY TO HOST A MEETING WITH INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS TO EXPLORE THE FULL DETAILS OF THIS EVIDENCE. MEANWHILE, NPIC IS NOT DISSEMINATING THIS CABLE BEYOND THE WASHINGTON COMMUNITY. TROJAN HORSE AND GIANT DRAGON AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, THE PRINCIPAL SOURCES USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT, WAS COLLECTED OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS.

ANALYSIS OF PHOTOGRAPHY REFLECTS GROWING COMMUNIST USE OF CAMBODIA IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. IT ALSO REFLECTS CONSIDERABLE SYSTEMATIC GROWTH OF INSURGENCY-RELATED FACILITIES AND LOGISTICS ACTIVITIES IN CAMBODIA. THE SCALE OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS AND THE UPSWING IN STOCKPILING OF SUPPLIES, SUGGEST THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE COMMUNISTS MAY BE COUNTING ON LONG TERM USE OF CAMBODIA IN PROSECUTING THEIR EFFORT IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

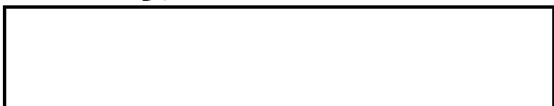
IN SOME AREAS IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO TELL WHETHER THE COMMUNIST FACILITIES IN CAMBODIA ARE THERE TO SERVE AS REFUGE POINTS FOR FORCES WITHDRAWING FROM SOUTH VIETNAM TO CAMBODIAN HAVENS OR ARE THERE TO SERVE AS FACILITIES TO SUPPORT NEW AND FORTHCOMING COMMUNIST MILITARY OPERATIONS. THERE ARE SOME SIMILARITIES IN THE PATTERNS NOTED IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY TO PREPARATIONS FOR EARLIER COMMUNIST MILITARY MOVES AGAINST U.S. FORCES AT DAK TO, LOC NINH AND BU DOP IN SOUTH VIETNAM. IF THESE PATTERNS ARE VALID, THERE MAY BE PARTICULAR REASON FOR CONCERN IN THE DUC CO, PLEI ME, PLEIKU TRIANGLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. COMMUNIST FACILITIES AND ACTIVITY ON NEARBY CAMBODIAN SOIL HAVE GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY IN RECENT MONTHS AND COULD BE REGARDED AS AN INDICATION OF PREPARATIONS FOR A THRUST

OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS THE 29 BY 18-NM AREA DESIGNATED AS THE TONLE SAN BASE AREA IN CAMBODIA, WHICH EXTENDS WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 12 NM OF DUC CO SPECIAL FORCES CAMP, SOUTH VIETNAM. THE RECENT COMPLETION, BETWEEN 29 DEC 67 AND 10 JAN 68, OF AN APPROXIMATELY 16-NM SEGMENT OF AN UNNUMBERED ROAD FROM ROUTE 19, JUST NORTH OF BOUNG LONG, TO THE TONLE SAN (RIVER) AFFORDS A MEANS OF EXPEDITING SHIPMENTS OF SUPPLIES. THE MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT ON THE TONLE SAN HAVE AT LEAST DOUBLED IN 1967 AND EVIDENCE OF SUPPLY STOCKPILING HAS BEEN OBSERVED ALONG THE NEW ROAD AND THE RIVER SINCE LATE 1967. IN ADDITION, APPROXIMATELY 125 PHOTOGRAPHIC SIGNATURES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED DENOTING PROBABLE INSURGENT ACTIVITIES. THESE INCLUDE STORAGE FACILITIES; BIVOAC AND STAGING AREAS; NUMEROUS AGRICULTURAL AREAS NOT FOLLOWING AN INDIGENOUS PATTERN; DEFENSES INCLUDING TRENCHING, FOXHOLES, AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITIONS; A ROCKET/MORTAR TRAINING AREA; LIAISON/WAY

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STATIONS; A PROBABLE REST AND REHABILITATION FACILITY; AND TRUCK PARKS AND ROAD-TO-WATER TRANSSHIPMENT POINTS INTERCONNECTED BY A MAZE OF WELL CONCEALED TRAILS.

IN THE PREK DRANG BASE AREA, SOUTH OF ROUTE 19, STOCKPILING HAS BEEN OBSERVED DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS ALONG THE UNNUMBERED ROAD COMPLETED IN MAY 1967 BETWEEN LOMPHAT AND THE PREK DRANG (RIVER). INCREASING VEHICULAR TRACK ACTIVITY HAS ALSO BEEN OBSERVED SINCE DECEMBER 1967 ALONG THIS ROAD BETWEEN THE MILITARY STORAGE FACILITIES AT LOMPHAT AND STORAGE FACILITIES MIDWAY BETWEEN LOMPHAT AND THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER. SINCE JANUARY 1968, HEAVILY-USED TRAILS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED EXTENDING FROM THE EASTERN TERMINUS OF THE ROAD CONTINUING EASTWARD INTO SOUTH VIETNAM. TRENCHES AND FOXHOLES ARE OBSERVED ALONG THESE TRAILS IN BOTH CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM. THE PRESENT LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA IS SIMILAR TO THAT DESCRIBED ABOVE IN THE SONLE SAN BASE AREA.

THE EXTENSION OF ROUTE 110 INTO THE TRI-BORDER BASE AREA OF CAMBODIA, OBSERVED ON 10 DEC 67, CONNECTS THIS AREA TO THE TONLE KONG (RIVER) WHERE MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT INCREASED BY APPROXIMATELY 75 PERCENT IN 1967. THE INCREASE IN VEHICULAR ACTIVITY ON ROUTE 110, SINCE IT WAS EXTENDED TO THE BASE AREA, INDICATES INCREASED RELIANCE ON MAJOR STORAGE/TRANSSHIPMENT FACILITIES HERE FOR SUPPLIES BEING SHIPPED TO COMMUNIST FORCES IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA.

ACTIVITY IN THE THREE AREAS MENTIONED ABOVE BEARS SIMILARITY TO THAT NOTED IN THE TRI-BORDER AREA, PH O'MOHA, AND SNUOL BEFORE THE COMMUNIST MILITARY MOVES AGAINST U.S. FORCES IN DAK TO, LOC NINH, AND BU DOP.

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