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REF B: NPIC CABLE 6123, DTG 172330Z DEC 1965

REF C: NPIC CABLE 4502, DTG 112257Z MAY 1965

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JANUARY 1966 REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON INCREASED INFILTRATION ACTIVITY, IN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DEMILITARIZED ZONE AND THAT PORTION OF LAOS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO IT, CONSISTING OF NEW BRIDGES, CAMPS, WATERBORNE INFILTRATION, AND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE INFILTRATION TRAIL AS DESCRIBED IN REFERENCE A AND B.

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1. EXTENSIVE TRAIL IMPROVEMENT OBSERVED FROM 1650N 10616E (UTM XD350615) TO 1654N 10635E (UTM XD687704) CONSISTING OF CONSTRUCTION OF AT LEAST 6 ADDITIONAL BRIDGES (MEASURING 6 TO 8 FEET WIDE), SOME AREAS OF TRAIL REALIGNMENT, AND A GENERAL WIDENING OF THE TRAIL. ONE NEW FORD IS LOCATED NEAR THE BAN TRIM MILITARY AREA AT 1653N 10631E (UTM XD628678).

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2. AT LEAST 13 CANOES, OF THE SIZE AND SHAPE OF THE SUSPECT INSURGENT CANOES PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED ON THE SE KONG (RIVER) (REF C), OBSERVED BETWEEN UTM XD394638 AND UTM XD550695 ALONG THE SE BANG HIENG (RIVER). THREE CANOES ARE OBSERVED IN THE WATER AND CONTAIN

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PERSONNEL AND UNIDENTIFIED MATERIAL. ALL OTHERS ARE BEACHED ALONG THE RIVER BANK.

3. A SUSPECT REST AREA LOCATED AT 1654N 10627E (UTM XD555688) CONSISTS OF 2 PARTIALLY CAMOUFLAGED HUTS ADJACENT TO THE INFILTRATION TRAIL.

4. A POSSIBLE MILITARY BIVOUAC AREA LOCATED AT THE BASE OF A KARST BLUFF AT 1653N 10627E (UTM XD560681). AREA IS PARTIALLY LOCATED UNDER HIGH TREE CANOPY AND PARTIALLY IN HIGH BRUSH. A PROBABLE DEFENSIVE TRENCH OBSERVED RUNNING THROUGH AREA OF HIGH BRUSH. AREA IS CONNECTED TO INFILTRATION TRAIL BY NUMEROUS TRAILS. AT LEAST 20 PROBABLE PERSONNEL OBSERVED IN AREA.

5. A SUSPECT INSURGENT CAMP LOCATED AT 1653N 10629E (UTM XD589672) CONTAINS AT LEAST 5 HUTS OBSERVED THROUGH HEAVY TREE COVER AT THE BASE OF A KARST HILL. A TRAIL EXTENDS FROM THE INFILTRATION TRAIL TO THE CAMP.

6. NEW DEFENSIVE POSITIONS CONSISTING OF ONE UNOCCUPIED AW POSITION AND TRENCHING AT 1653N 10634E (UTM XD668688) AND ONE UNOCCUPIED AW POSITION AT 1653N 10634E (UTM XD676685).

7. NEW ROW CROPPING OBSERVED AT 1653N 10633E (UTM XD648684) AND AT 1653N 10634E (UTM XD678086).

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