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INITIAL SCAN BY NPIC OF MISSION [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE THANH HOA/

VINH RAIL LINE:

1. A RAIL BY-PASS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS OBSERVED AROUND THE PHU QUAT RAIL BRIDGE [REDACTED] AT 1926N 10545E. BY-PASS EXTENDS FROM UTM WG798497 TO A BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT UTM WG797497 TO ANOTHER BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT UTM WG795493 TO UTM WG795410 WHERE IT REJOINS THE MAIN LINE. THE PHU QUAT BRIDGE IS SERVICEABLE.

2. AIR STRIKES HAVE RENDERED THE RAIL LINE UNSERVICEABLE AT 1923N 10544E (UTM WG784435). BOMB CRATERS HAVE DAMAGED THE RAIL BED AND CUT THE RAIL LINE, HOWEVER A WOODEN TRESTLE IS OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

3. A RAIL BY-PASS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS OBSERVED AROUND THE THE DAI THUY RAIL BRIDGE [REDACTED] AT 1922N 10543E. BY-PASS RAIL LINE EXTENDS FROM UTM WG759418 TO A SERVICEABLE BRIDGE AT UTM WG756418 TO UTM WG753414 WHERE IT REJOINS THE MAIN LINE. THE

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DAI THUY RAIL BRIDGE IS SERVICEABLE.

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4. A RAIL BY-PASS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS OBSERVED AROUND THE
PHUONG DINH RAIL BRIDGE [REDACTED] AT 1951N 10548E. BY-PASS
EXTENDS FROM UTM WG842951 TO A BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT UTM
WG842949 TO UTM WG843947 WHERE IT REJOINS THE MAIN LINE. THE
PHUONG DINH BRIDGE IS SERVICEABLE.

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