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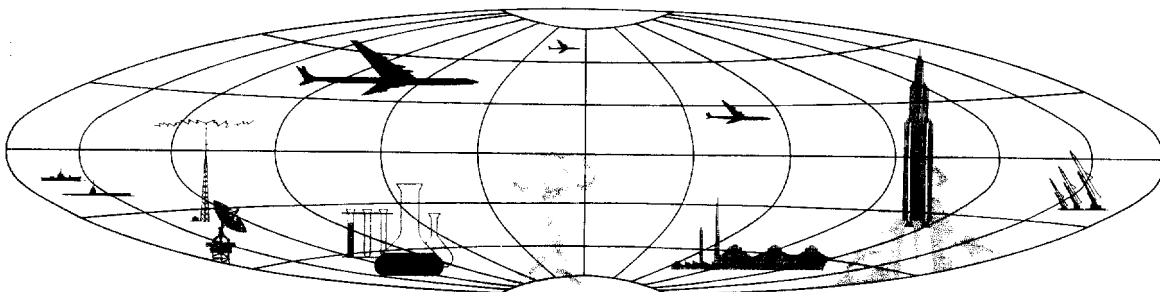
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PREFACE

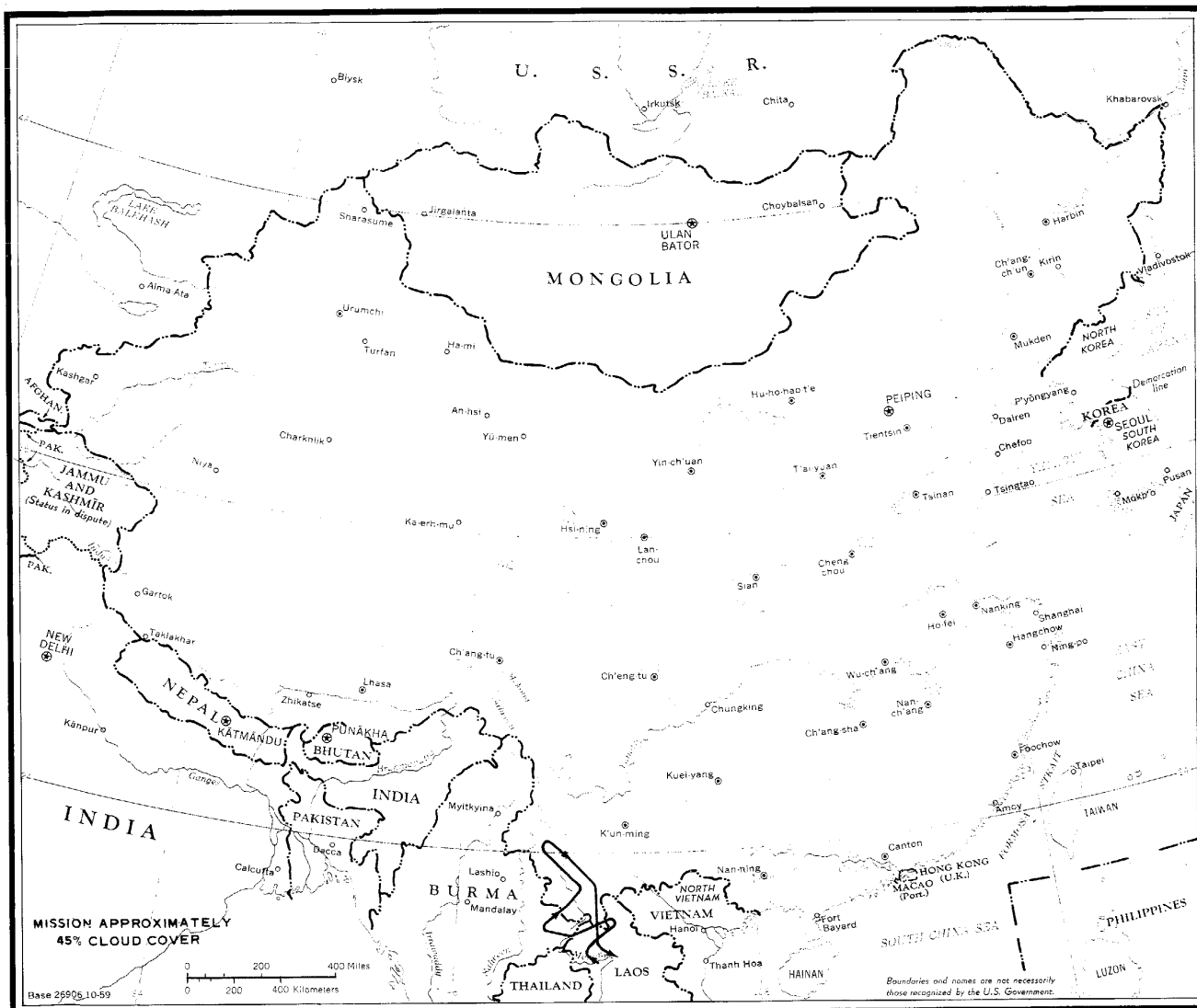
THIS REPORT REPRESENTS THE PRELIMINARY INTERPRETATION OF MISSION 3241, FLOWN 16 NOVEMBER 1963, AND DEALS PRIMARILY WITH THE HIGHEST PRIORITY INTELLIGENCE ITEMS APPEARING IN THE COMOR TARGET LIST. HOWEVER, IT ALSO INCLUDES OTHER SIGNIFICANT TARGETS OBSERVED DURING THE SCAN OF PHOTOGRAPHY. TARGETS REPORTED ARE IN CHINA UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED IN THE HEADER, AND ARE ARRANGED BY SUBJECT, WITHIN EACH SUBJECT BY COMOR TARGET NUMBER WHICH APPEARS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE HEADER LINE. SIGNIFICANT TARGETS NOT IN THE COMOR LIST ARE INCLUDED UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SUBJECT AND AFTER THE COMOR LISTED TARGETS.

SYMBOLS USED TO INDICATE CONDITIONS WHICH AFFECT THE APPEARANCE OF THE TARGET ON THE PHOTOGRAPHY ARE AS FOLLOWS -- C (CLEAR), SC (SCATTERED CLOUDS), HC (HEAVY CLOUDS), H (HAZE), CS (CLOUD SHADOW), O (OBLIQUITY), PQ (POOR IMAGE QUALITY).

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AIRFIELDS

MENG-SA AIRFIELD 2343N 09937E

THIS AIRFIELD AS DEPICTED ON USATC SERIES 200,
SHEET 0556-4HL, 1ST ED, MAR 62, NO LONGER EXISTS.
THE AREA IS NOW MERELY A GRASS PLATEAU TRAVERSED
BY A ROAD.

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SSU-MAO AIRFIELD NORTH 2247N 10058E

NE EDGE OF SSU-MAO.

4,750 X 150 FT NNW/SSE RUNWAY, PROBABLY CRUSHED
STONE, SERVICEABLE.

FACILITIES INCLUDE PARKING APRON, ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING WITH CONTROL TOWER, AND PROBABLE UNDERGROUND
POL STORAGE AREA.

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

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MILITARY ACTIVITY

SSU-MAO MILITARY COMPLEX 2247N 10059E

ROAD-SERVED EXTENSIVE MILITARY COMPLEX, APPROXIMATELY
9 SQ MI IN AREA AND INCLUDING THE TOWN OF SSU-MAO,
COMPRISES 290 BARRACKS, 50 MESS HALLS, 15
ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS, 85 STORAGE/SUPPORT
BUILDINGS, A SECURED MOTOR POOL WITH 25 BUILDINGS
AND 30 TRUCKS, A WALLED PROBABLE MILITARY SCHOOL
WITH 5 ADMINISTRATION, 25 BARRACKS-TYPE, AND 10
RESIDENTIAL-TYPE BUILDINGS, 3 SMALL ARMS FIRING
RANGES, A TRAINING AREA (SE EDGE OF COMPLEX), A 4-GUN
AAA SITE, UNOCCUPIED, IMMEDIATELY EAST OF SSU-MAO,
AND A PROBABLE 4-GUN AAA SITE, OCCUPANCY UNDETERMINED,
.5 NM SE OF SSU-MAO.

APPROXIMATELY 50 VEHICLES OBSERVED THROUGHOUT COMPLEX.

NUMEROUS WORKERS BARRACKS OBSERVED IN CENTER OF

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SSU-MAO.

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MENG-LA ARMY BARRACKS WEST 2128N 10134E

WEST EDGE OF MENG-LA TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY ONE NM WEST.

THREE AREAS CONTAIN ONE LARGE ADMINISTRATION-TYPE AND APPROXIMATELY 130 BARRACKS/STORAGE BUILDINGS AND A POSSIBLE HELICOPTER PAD.

NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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FO-HAI ARMY BARRACKS SOUTH 2158N 10028E

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NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE MISSION

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NAN-CHIAO AREA ARMY BARRACKS 2201N 10015E

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE MISSION

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MUONG SING, MILITARY AREA (LAOS) 2111N 10110E

MUONG SING AND VICINITY.

MILITARY AREA COMPRISES 4 INDIVIDUALLY FENCED AREAS WITHIN MUONG SING CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 8 BARRACKS, 16 WAREHOUSES, AND 12 SUPPORT BUILDINGS. POSSIBLE SMALL ARMS FIRING RANGE OBSERVED IN SW CORNER OF MUONG SING.

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██████████ BOUN NEUA, MILITARY AREA (LAOS) 2139N 10153E

BOUN NEUA AREA IS CLOUD-COVERED.

AN IMPROVED, ALL-WEATHER, LOOSE SURFACE ROAD, VARYING FROM SINGLE TO DOUBLE LANE, IS VISIBLE FROM ABOUT 2 NM SOUTH OF BOUN NEUA SW TO THE CHINA BORDER AT 21-25N 101-45E. FROM THE BORDER IT CONTINUES WEST TO MAN-SAN (CHINA) (21-25N 101-40E) WHERE IT JOINS THE MAN-SAN--MENG-LA ROAD.

NO VEHICLES OBSERVED ALONG VISIBLE PORTIONS OF ROAD.

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██████████ SHUANG-CHIANG AREA, MILITARY BARRACKS 2330N 09950E

2 NM NORTH OF SHUANG CHIANG ON NAN-MENG HO (RIVER).

LARGE SECURED AREA CONTAINS 117 BARRACKS AND 3 ADMINISTRATION, 19 ADMINISTRATION/SUPPORT, AND APPROXIMATELY 50 STORAGE AND SUPPORT BUILDINGS. PROBABLY ASSOCIATED AREA TO IMMEDIATE EAST CONTAINS 31 BARRACKS-TYPE, 3 ADMINISTRATION/SUPPORT, AND AT LEAST 5 STORAGE BUILDINGS. LARGE TRAINING AREA OBSERVED IN THE HILLS IMMEDIATELY TO THE EAST.

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██████████ MENG-LA (CHINA)---WAN-SENG (BURMA) ROAD 2128N 10134E

AREA FROM MENG-LA (21-28N 101-34E) TO AND INCLUDING MUONG SING (LAOS) (21-11N 101-09E) IS CLOUD FREE. AREA SW OF MUONG SING TO WAN-SENG (20-51N 100-32E) IS OBSCURED BY HEAVY CLOUDS.

NATURAL SURFACE, SERVICEABLE ROAD OBSERVED FROM MENG-LA TO HUI-PO-YEN (21-14N 101-16E) WHERE IT TERMINATES. ROAD IS SINGLE-LANE EXCEPT FOR A 4.2 NM, 2-LANE SECTION SSW FROM MENG-LA.

TRAIL SYSTEM IS PARTIALLY DISCERNIBLE THROUGH FOREST CANOPY BETWEEN HUI-PO-YEN AND MUONG SING.

FOLLOWING MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED ALONG ROAD -- MILITARY CAMP CONTAINING 10 BARRACKS, A MESS HALL,

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AND AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OBSERVED .6 NM SOUTH OF MENG MANG (21-18N 101-18E). AREA AT HUI-PO-YEN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS A POSSIBLE STRONGPOINT ON OBLIQUE PHOTOGRAPHY OF MISSION [REDACTED], CONTAINS 3 NON-MILITARY BUILDINGS SURROUNDED BY IRREGULAR WOOD FENCE.

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KENG TUNG--TAUNGGYI ROAD (BURMA) 2117N 09938E

16 NM WEST OF KENG TUNG ON KENG TUNG--TAUNGGYI ROAD (20-46N 097-02E).

CONVOY OF APPROXIMATELY 95 CARGO TRUCKS OBSERVED HEADING EAST TOWARD KENG TUNG.

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HOU EI SAI (LAOS)--MENG-LA (CHINA) ROAD 2016N 10025E

APPROXIMATELY 80 PER CENT OF AREA BETWEEN HOU EI SAI (20-16N 100-25E) AND MENG-LA (21-28N 101-34E) OBSCURED BY HEAVY CLOUDS.

PORTIONS OF A SINGLE-LANE, NATURAL SURFACE ROAD IN POOR TO FAIR CONDITION WERE OBSERVED BETWEEN HOU EI SAI AND BAN MONE (20-23N 100-36E). FROM BAN MONE THE ROAD BECOMES A TRAIL WHICH CANNOT BE TRACED THROUGH HEAVY FOREST CANOPY.

TWO-LANE, IMPROVED NATURAL SURFACE, SERVICEABLE ROAD OBSERVED FROM MENG-LA TO MAN-SAN (21-25N 101-40E). SINGLE-LANE, NATURAL SURFACE ROAD IN POOR CONDITION RUNS SOUTH FROM MAN-SAN TO SHANG YUNG (21-18N 101-42E) WHERE IT BECOMES A TRAIL.

HEAVY CLOUDS AND FOREST CANOPY PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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KENG TUNG (BURMA)--CHE-LI (CHINA) ROAD 2117N 09937E

AREA BETWEEN KENG TUNG--CHE-LI IS APPROXIMATELY 50
PER CENT CLOUD COVERED.

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NO APPARENT CHANGE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS SINCE MISSION
[REDACTED] EXCEPT THAT BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION
OVER THE MEKONG RIVER HAS 9 PIERS AND 2 ABUTMENTS
IN PLACE. NO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WAS APPARENT AT
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