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PREFACE

This report is a summary of selected information on transportation and infiltration activity in Southeast Asia, primarily the Laotian Panhandle, as reported by NPIC during the period indicated on the cover. For a comprehensive study of road development in this area prior to 1 April 1966 see NPIC R-110/66, <u>Communist Road Net</u> Development in the Laotian Panhandle (CONFIDENTIAL/

from north to south. Annotated maps of varying scales have been included to assist the reader in locating the items. Each large-scale map depicts all motorable roads photographically confirmed by NPIC.

Missions, mission dates, frames, and NPIC cable and briefing board references are listed after each item, as appropriate. 25X1C

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Photography flown sudden and extensive degradation of the road system in the southern Laotian Panhandle. Each of the major arteries in the road supply network south of Route 9 has been affected by one, or a combination, of the following: concentrated interdiction, heavy rain, and soil instability resulting from road construction. The items and photography contained herein were selected as demonstrative of the current unserviceability of Routes 92, 96, and 110. Where successive coverage was available, there was a surprisingly atypical lack of repair or by-passing of the damaged road segments. The new truck parks on Route 92 and Alternate Route 92 were constructed subsequent to the landslides in the Ban Bac area and probably represent the southernmost penetration of vehicles during this period.

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- 1. Interdiction Points on Route 92
- 25X1A Laos Route 92 is observed from 16-34N 106-25E to 16-23N 106-32E and from 16-18N 106-37E to 16-06N 106-41E. The road is unserviceable due to interdiction points at UTM XD574228, XD625168, XD630158, and XC800961. The interdicted areas can be by-passed, but the road surface appears to have deteriorated.

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2. Truck Parks Near Ban Bac

Two new truck parks are observed near Ban Bac, Laos. One is 1.8 nm north-northwest of the town on Route 92 at 15-52N 106-45E. A short access road extends west from the route at UTM XC892517 to XC888554. The second park is 2.7 nm west-northwest of Ban Bac or Alternate Route 92 at 15-51N 106-43E. A short access road extends west from Alternate Route 92 at UTM XC853534 to XC848534. Landslide areas on Route 92 at UTM XC901538 and on Alternate Route 92 at UTM XC90153th remain unservice-

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3. Road Closings on Route 96

Heavy rains and air strikes have had the following effects on Laos Route 96: the road embankment is partially collapsed at UIM YCO33331 and YCO34332; a landslide covers the road at UIM YCO35334; bomb craters are observed at UIM YCO37339; and three additional landslides are observed at UIM YB291674. No attempts have been made to repair or by-pass the affected areas.

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4. Routes 110 and 110/96, Interdictions

Concentrated interdictions at UIM YB447289 have rendered this portion of Laos Route 110 unserviceable. Photography of revealed that this approximately 450-meter segment was not in use. On

seven additional interdiction points were observed between UIM YB508239 and YB522227 on Laos Route 110/96. No attempts have been made to repair or by-pass any of the interdicted areas.



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