

PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION MEMORANDUM



PROBABLE
INFILTRATION ACTIVITY
ROUTE 1597
NORTH VIETNAM

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AUTOMATIC DOWNGRADING
AND DECLASSIFICATION

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Probable Infiltration Activity, Route 1597, North Vietnam

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At least 350 personnel and 12 probable pack animals were moving in a southerly direction towards Laos along a one mile segment of Route 1597, according to photography of [REDACTED]. This activity is located at 1802N 10547E, approximately 25 nm from Mu Gia Pass (Figure 1). Although personnel have been previously observed along this route in small numbers, this is the first time that a group of this magnitude has been observed on photography.

The personnel are moving in single file down the center of the road and are separated at intervals of approximately 20 to 30 feet with the pack animals interspersed between them. Route 1597 joins Route 15 approximately 4 nm to the southeast. Route 15 has been one of the major routes for the infiltration of personnel and equipment through Mu Gia Pass. Other alternate routes accessible from Route 1597 are Route 101 which generally parallels the coast and Route 137 which leads into Laos from Route 101 (Figure 2).

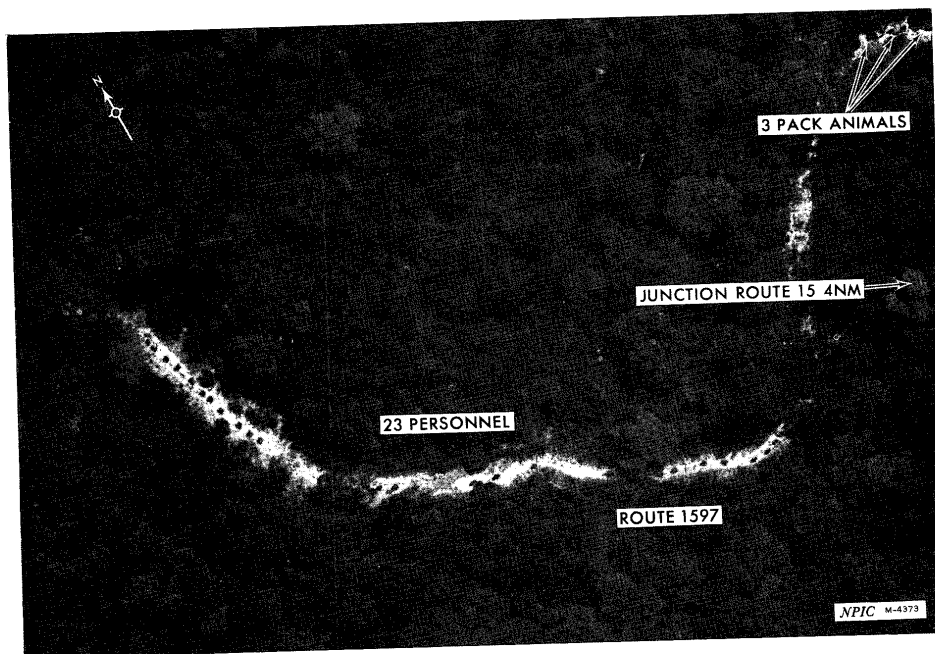


FIGURE 1

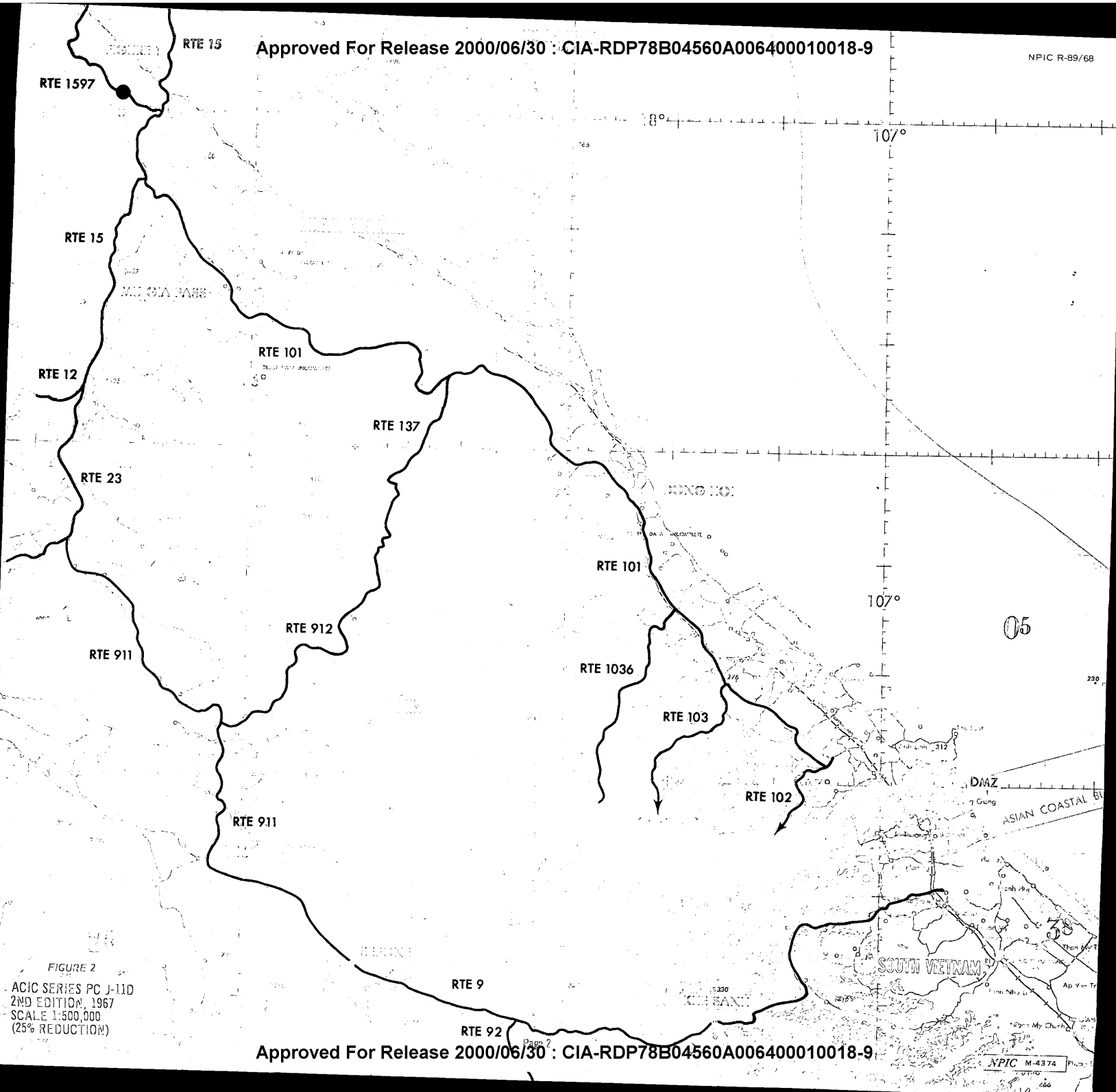


FIGURE 2
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SCALE 1:500,000
(25% REDUCTION)

