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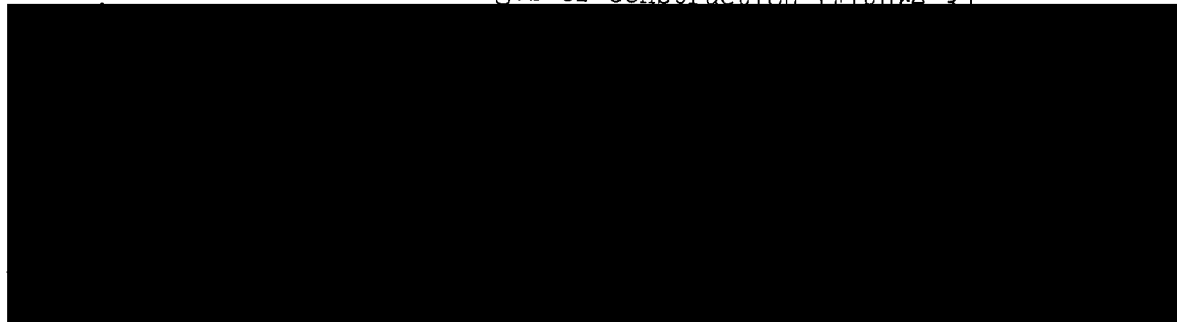
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Four hardened probable command and control facilities have been identified within the city of Hanoi on recent aerial photography. The facilities differ in size and shape, but each is constructed of reinforced concrete and is located in a congested area near the Presidential Palace and Ministry of National Defense (Figure 1). Since limited communications equipment is observed on these facilities, they are probably dependent upon one or more of the numerous major communications facilities in the Hanoi area for long range communications. Although the construction date cannot be established with certainty, it appears that at least three of the facilities were constructed within the past year and probably paralleled the construction of similar facilities in Haiphong.

One of these facilities, 0.7 nm SSE of the Presidential Palace, is a cube-shaped reinforced concrete blockhouse with several probable telecommunication line terminals on the roof. Lines from several directions originate or terminate at this location (Figure 2).

A second installation is located 0.5 nm south of the Presidential Palace and is a rectangular, probably reinforced concrete structure. Three masts supporting two dipole antennas are associated with the building, which is in the final stages of construction (Figure 3)



Civilian air raid shelters are located throughout the Hanoi area and range from single-man foxholes to street shelters encompassing an entire city block. All of the command and control installations exhibit several of the following characteristics which readily distinguish them from these civilian facilities: massive reinforced concrete construction; a concrete substructure; the presence of communications equipment (even though limited); and proximity to a governmental complex.

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FIGURE 2. PROBABLE COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITY.

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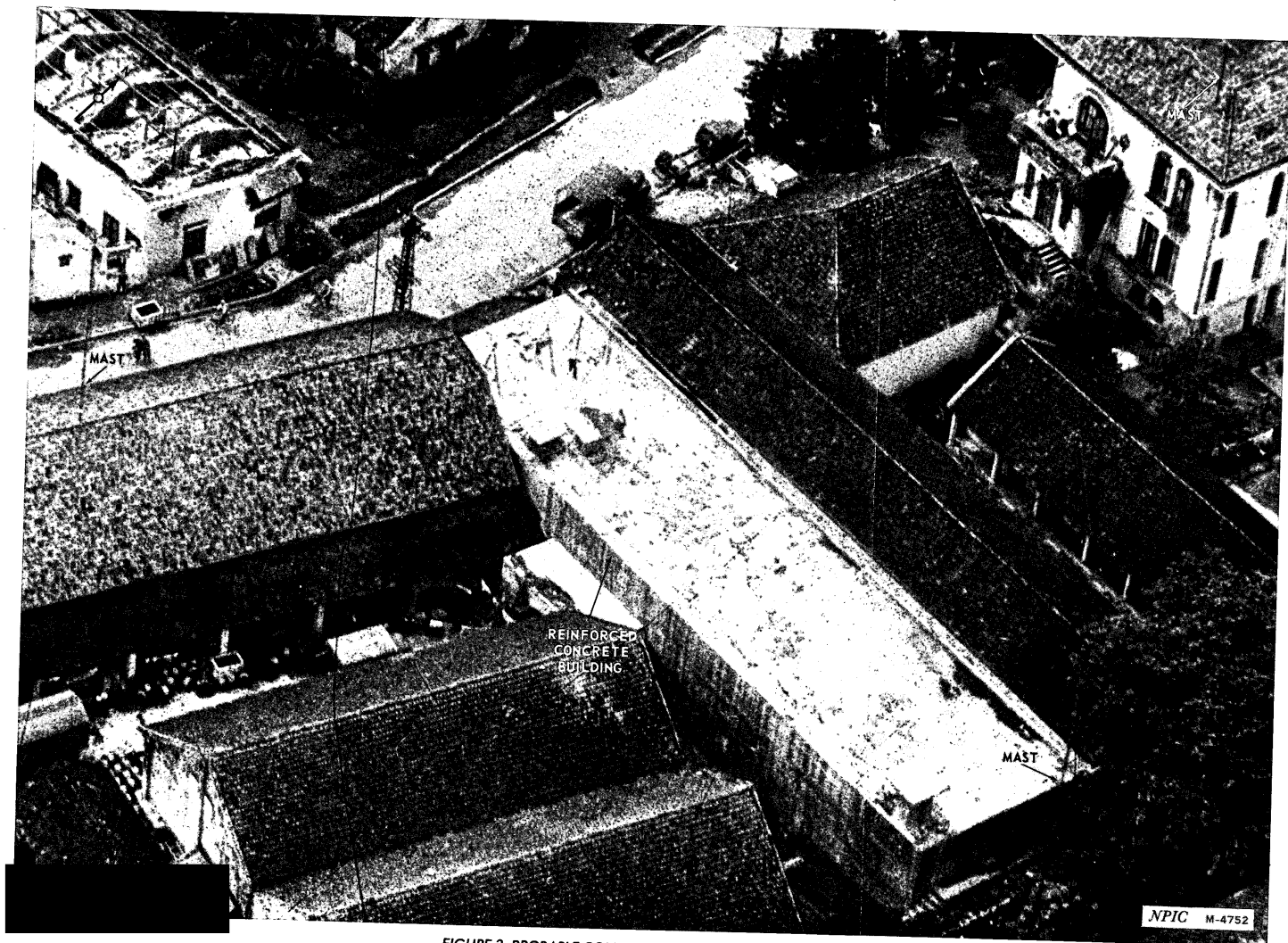


FIGURE 3. PROBABLE COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITY.

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