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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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THROUGH:

SUBJECT:

New Road and Bridge Construction, Tibet

REFERENCE:

Requirement No. NSA/SOC/R-161/69
NPIC Project No. 250457

1. In response to the above referenced requirement, a study was conducted of all photography subsequent to [Redacted] between geographic coordinates 29-10N 087-45E and 29-32N 094-25E in order to locate and identify all new major construction of roads and bridges.

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2. The study revealed that 16 new bridges and approximately 90 nautical miles (nm) of road were constructed between [Redacted] and [Redacted]. An annotated map depicting this information and all road segments and bridges in existence prior to [Redacted] is attached. It is possible for vehicles to traverse the entire distance between Linchih and Latzu (Lhatse Dzong) with extreme difficulty in motoring being encountered from 29-04N 092-19E to 29-03N 092-12E where the road is presently connected by trails and road construction is in process. In addition to the above location, five areas were observed periodically to be disrupted due to wash-outs. Numerous small tent camps are located near these areas and undoubtedly house maintenance crews.

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3. The following chart contains requested data on new bridges:

Bridge number keyed to map	Type	Location
2	Deck	29-07N 087-40E
14	Deck	29-18N 088-52E
26	Deck	29-20N 090-42E
27	Deck	29-16N 090-48E

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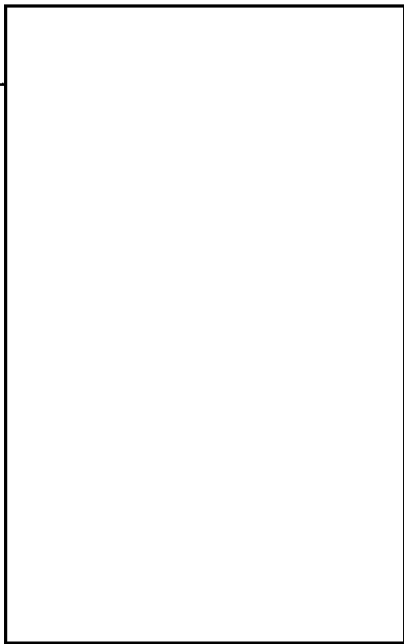
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Bridge number keyed to map	Type	Location
30	Deck	29-18N 090-53E
31	Deck	29-17N 090-54E
32	Deck	29-18N 090-56E
43	Deck	29-15N 091-59E
46	Deck	29-11N 092-02E
47	Deck	29-09N 092-03E
48	Deck	29-07N 092-09E
51	--	29-09N 092-32E
62	Deck	29-02N 093-22E
69 (two bridges)	Deck	29-08N 093-53E
72	Deck	29-11N 093-58E



4. The following is a list of all new road segments with geographic coordinates, location, and date of construction:

a. 29-17N 090-52E to 29-17N 090-57E
Road north of Kungka Airfield.

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b. 29-17N 090-52E to 29-17N 090-58E
Road south of Kungka Airfield

Realignment and repairs to existing road during [Redacted]

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c. 29-24N 091-47E to 29-04N 092-12E
Road east of Tsetang

Trail improved into a road during [Redacted]

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d. 29-07N 092-09E to 29-14N 092-13E
North from bridge 48 to Brahmaputra.

Trail improved into a road during [Redacted]

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e. 29-17N 092-04E to 29-19N 092-16E
North of the Brahmaputra River (Southern fork)
Trail improved into road during [Redacted]

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f. 29-17N 092-10E to 29-21N 092-17E
North of the Brahmaputra River (Northern fork)
Trail improved into road during [Redacted]

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g. 29-05N 092-19E to 29-08N 092-34E
Easternmost road segment.
Trail improved into a road. Started in [Redacted] and probably
still continuing.

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5. Questions concerning this project may be directed to the imagery
analyst [Redacted] of the China, North Korea Branch, EGD/IEG, on
extension [Redacted] This project is considered to be complete.

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Attachment: One Map

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