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NORTH VIETNAM

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A study was made of aerial photography covering the Haiphong Harbor Area in order to identify all ocean-going vessels and to attempt to determine whether these ships are loading or unloading. The study also included an attempt to identify the type of cargo these ships are handling and whether or not lighters are used in loading and unloading activities.

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are of insufficient quality to accurately identify any ocean-going ships. All interpretation in this report was accomplished from [REDACTED]
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Six ocean-going vessels are observed in the Cua Cam. Five of these ships are moored adjacent to the Haiphong Chamber of Commerce Wharfs. It cannot be determined whether these ships are loading or unloading. However numerous lighters are observed in the harbor area and it can be assumed that lighters play a major role in the loading and unloading of ships in the Haiphong Harbor. However, no definite lighter-shore contact points can be identified.

A large coal storage area is located adjacent to the Transit Wharf, and two probable apatite storage areas are located adjacent to the coal storage area and the Chamber of Commerce Wharf #1. All three areas are served by, or accessible to, a rail line. Miscellaneous cargo/storage is observed throughout the area (Reference Figure #1).

A seventh ocean-going ship is observed in the Song Bach Dang. Four lighters are observed tending the ship. It cannot be determined whether the ship is loading or unloading, nor can the nature of the cargo be determined (Reference Figure #2).

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KEY TO ANNOTATIONS
(FIGURE #1)

1. Cargo vessel, probably the Bezhitsa (510' LOA), located adjacent to Chamber of Commerce Wharf #1.
2. Cargo vessel, probably the Chelyabinsk or Izhma [REDACTED] located adjacent to Chamber of Commerce Wharf #1.
3. Cargo vessel, probably the Divnogorsk (505' LOA), located adjacent to Chamber of Commerce Wharf #2.
4. Cargo vessel, possibly the Atlanticstar (420' LOA), located adjacent to Chamber of Commerce Wharf #2.
5. Cargo vessel, probably the Przyjazn Narodow [REDACTED] located adjacent to Chamber of Commerce Wharf #3.
6. Unidentified stack-aft cargo vessel (270' LOA), located in the Cua Cam.

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CUA CAM
HAIPHONG HARBOR
NORTH VIETNAM
205200N 1064140E

COAL STORAGE AREA

PROBABLE APATITE
STORAGE AREA

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PROBABLE APATITE
STORAGE AREA

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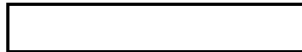
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KEY TO ANNOTATIONS
(FIGURE #2)

1. Unidentified cargo vessel (450' LOA approximate) in the Song Bach Dang. Obliquity and lack of stereographic coverage precludes identification.

All measurements have been made by the CIA/IAD project analyst.

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SONG BACH DANG
HAIPHONG HARBOR
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LIGHTERS

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FIGURE 2

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