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BEN THUY  
NORTH VIET NAM  
18° 38'N/105° 44'E

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17 March 1964  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Manufacturing and Services Division, ORR

25X1A ATTENTION : [REDACTED]

THROUGH : Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM : Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT : Ben Thuy Port Facilities, North Viet-Nam

REFERENCES : (1) ORR Requirement C-RR4-81,025  
(2) CIA/PID Project No. C-270/64

1. This memorandum is in response to the above referenced requirement requesting a detailed analysis, using comparative photo coverage, of the Ben Thuy, North Viet-Nam Port Facilities.

25X1D 2. Ben Thuy is located two nautical miles southeast of Vinh, North Viet-Nam at 18°38'N/105°44'E. The port, as interpreted from [REDACTED]

25X1D [REDACTED] has one off-shore wharf which has approximately 450 feet of berthage and is approximately 35 feet wide. This wharf is approximately 200 feet from the shore-line. Docked here were two coastal freighters, each approximately 165 feet long, and two small junks, probably motorized. Associated with this wharf are four warehouses, each approximately 160 by 45 feet, and one irregular shaped storage building.

25X1D Two nautical miles down stream from the off-shore wharf is a single "L" head pier which extends 130 feet into the river and is approximately 55 by 30 feet. This pier is used for loading and unloading petroleum and has eleven oil storage tanks associated with it. Two tankers were noted docked here on [REDACTED]

25X1D [REDACTED] One of these tankers is approximately 110 feet long and the other is approximately 100 feet long.

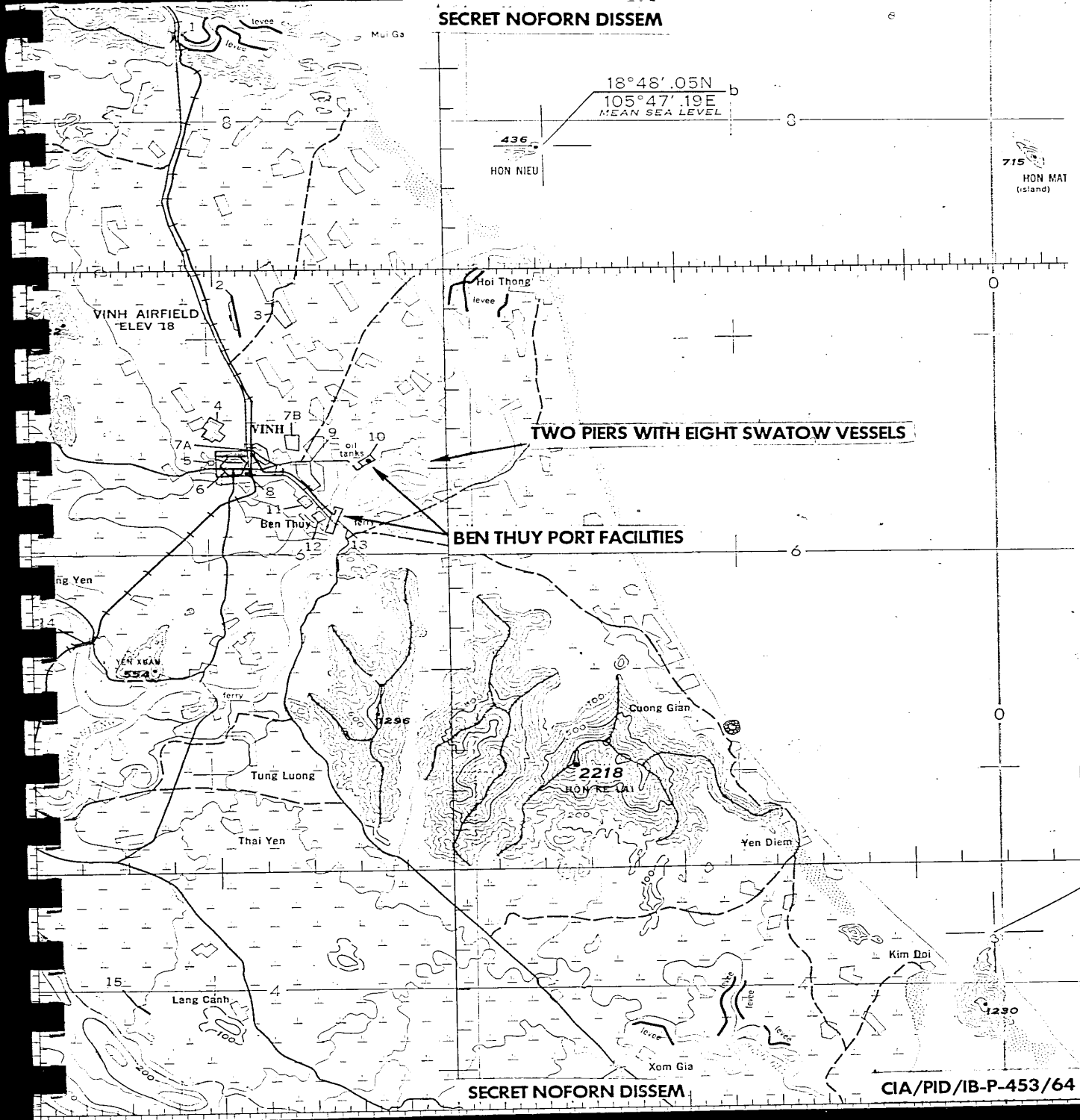
25X1D Approximately 2.5 nautical miles further down stream, eight "swatow" PF class vessels were noted docked at two small piers. These two piers, not shown on enclosed graphics, were built between [REDACTED] Both piers are "T" head piers and extend 30 feet into the river. Each pier has approximately 45 feet of berthing space and does not have any port facilities associated with it.

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3. [REDACTED], were used to make the detailed photo analysis of the Ben Thuy Port Facilities. There was no change in port facilities between these missions, furthermore, there was no construction activity noted within the port area in [REDACTED]

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4. The photo analysts assigned to this requirement were [REDACTED] who may be contacted on extension 2546 should any further information concerning this memorandum be desired. This requirement is considered complete.

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Enclosures:

- 1 Annotated Map  
(CIA/PID/IB-P-453/64)
- 2 Annotated Enlargements  
(CIA/PID/IB-P-454/64 and P-455/64)

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KEY TO ANNOTATIONS

1. POL Storage Tanks
2. "L" Head Pier
3. Eight Position AAA Site (Occupied)
4. Four Warehouses and One Irregular Shaped Storage Building
5. Off-Shore Wharf

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