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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED], D/Ch, Collection Guidance Staff

ATTENTION : [REDACTED] OBI

THROUGH : Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM : Chief, CI/PID (RPIC)

SUBJECT : Infiltration Routes from Attapeu, Laos to South Vietnam

REFERENCES : (1) EDI Requirement No. C-DI4-31,100
(2) CI/PID Project No. C 407/64

1. This memorandum is in response to a request for a detailed study of roads or trails leading east and southeastward from Attapeu, Laos (14° 48'N - 100° 57'E) to South Vietnam.

2. All trails that were located in this area are plotted on the enclosed annotated map (CI/PID/IB-P-440/64). It must be noted that photo interpretation of trails in this area is limited by dense jungle cover, and the findings as shown were only those that were clearly visible. This does not exclude the possibility of other existing trail networks. However, it does minimize the probability of any elaborate network of trails not shown.

a. Supplies flowing from Attapeu, Laos come over National Routes 18 and 23. These roads terminate in Muong May (14° 48'N - 100° 50'E), situated on the west bank of the Se Kong River. This river is too deep for fording; and, since there is no bridge or evidence of a ferry, all goods would have to be handloaded onto available small river craft and transported to the eastern shore, opposite Muong May. Here another single lane improved road, 5 km's in length, leads to the western shore of the Se Kamane River, opposite Attapeu. As at Muong May, the only facilities for crossing the river are small craft.

b. Three single-lane unimproved roads emanate from the Attapeu area. The first extends 7 km's to the northwest, where it serves that endemic agricultural society. The second road extends 14 km's in an easterly direction, where it degenerates into a jeepable trail. The third road was followed 7 km's southeastward, where it ended in a pattern of small footpaths.

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2. The trails portion of this memorandum may best be handled by directing your attention to the accompanying annotated maps. No network of trails proceeding easterly or south-easterly was observed. However, the possibility of the dense jungle hiding vast networks of narrow pack-animal trails, must be kept in mind.

3. As an addendum to this study, please note the addition of a newly constructed road in South Vietnam. This road leads west from Ken Hojao (14° 40'N - 107° 52'E) to a point 2 mi east of the Laotian-South Vietnam Border. At this location a small military outpost was found. Here a footpath originates, which could be observed from 2 mi west into Laotian territory. The first 5 mi of this road are two-lane improved, the remainder being single-lane improved.

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4. The analysts on this project were Messrs. [REDACTED] 25X1A [REDACTED] who may be contacted on extension 2540, should you have any questions regarding this requirement. This is considered a partial answer to the requirement.

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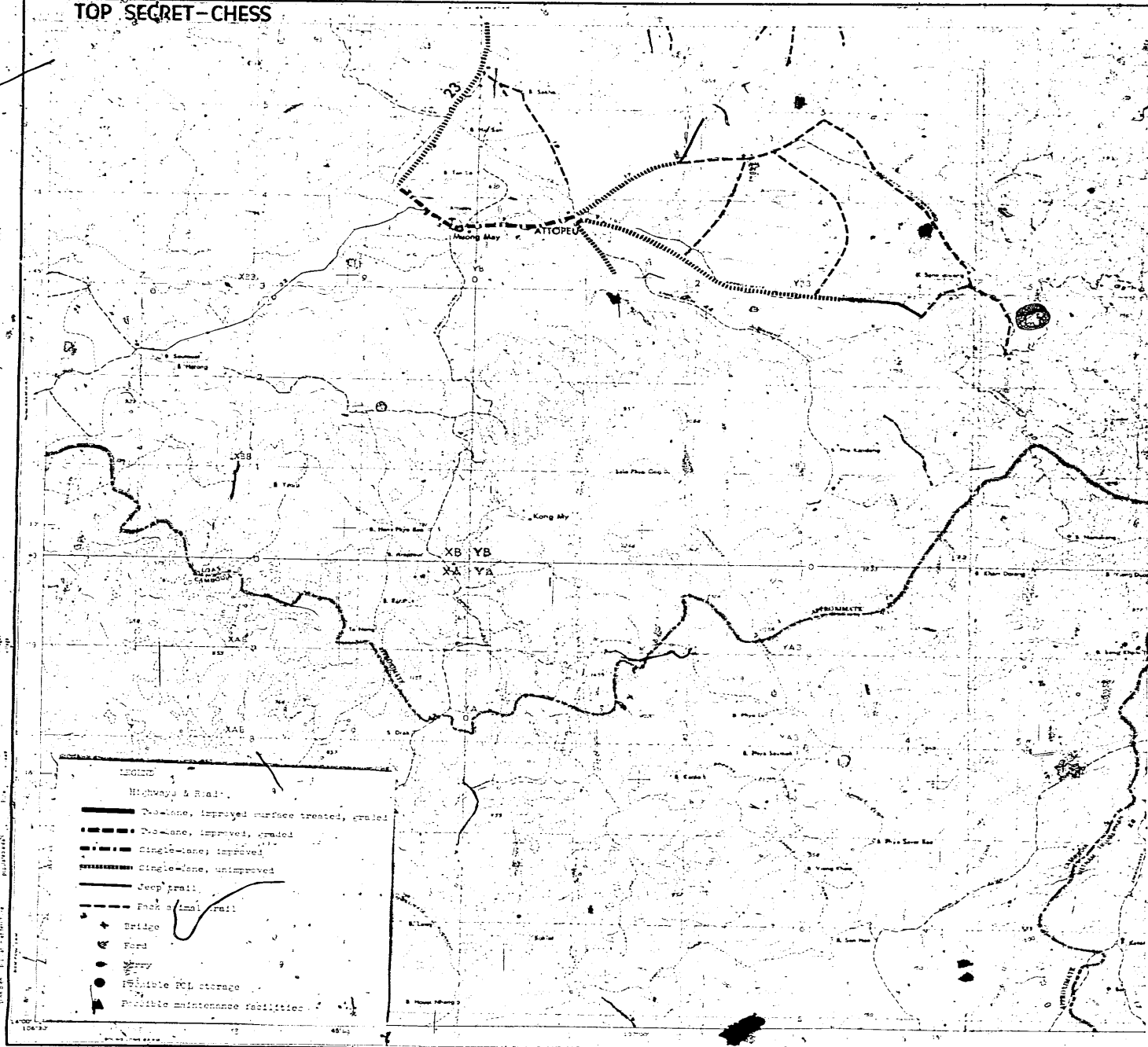
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ENCLOSURES:

1 Annotated Map
(CI-PID/IB-P-440/44) (2 copies)

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 - Double-line, improved surface treated, graded
 - Double-line, improved, graded
 - Single-line, improved
 - Single-line, unimproved
 - Jeep trail
 - Foot or animal trail
- Bridge
- Ford
- Ferry
- Possible fuel storage
- Possible maintenance facilities

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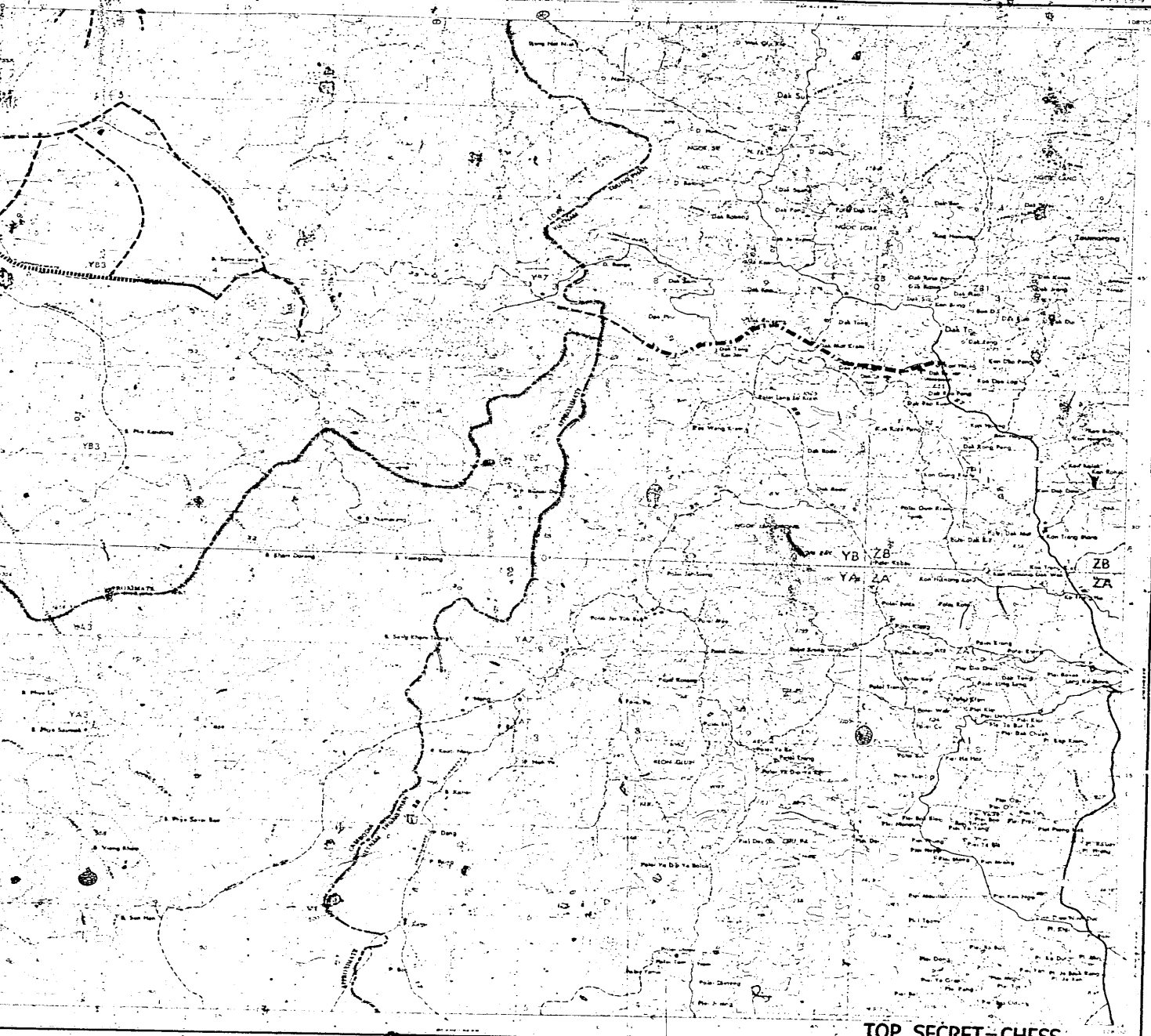
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