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SUMMARY

- HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER PLANT located three miles south of Kutien, with a transmission line to Foochow.....
- RAILROAD SURVEY noted on Min River for Nan Ping - Foochow rail line.....
- TOKEN RADAR located near Foochow.....
- NEW TYPE BEAM APPROACH LANDING SYSTEM indicated at Lien-Cheng Airfield.....

25X1D This memorandum reports the significant changes in the Southeast China
25X1D area as observed from a study of aerial photography flown between [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Items of specific interest include airfields, electronics,
transportation and power sites.

Airfields 25X1D

Lien-cheng (25/40N - 116/40E): Photography dated [REDACTED] indicated the electronic landing aid system to be a different type construction than that which has appeared at the other newly constructed fields in the Southeast China area. The outer beacon site is located 12,000 feet from the south end of the runway. This site consists of a hard-surfaced circle approximately 100 feet in diameter which is connected to the airfield by a first class road. The inner beacon site consists of a hard-surfaced circle seventy feet in diameter served by a first class road which connects with the airfield. Both the inner and outer sites are in a direct line with the runway. The hard surfaced circles may indicate the future use of mobile electronic equipment as a navigational aid at this airfield.

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Lung-tien (25/35N - 119/28E): Surfacing in a "checker board" pattern continues on the runway, taxiways and hardstands. There is now a total of thirty revetments on the north side of the airfield. Previous to the revamping of the airfield there were twenty revetments.

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Nan-tai (26/00N - 119/28E): No significant changes in the airfield or its facilities were noted.

Ma-chaiing (24/40N - 118/17E): A small POL storage area is under construction on the northwest corner of the airfield. The runway appears serviceable but no grading or resurfacing has recently been done.

Electronic Site

25X1D Fu-chou: A token radar installation has been located 6.6 miles southeast of Fu-chou. The site is in a cleared area on a hillside with an elevation of about 540 meters. A first class road serves the site connecting with the Fu-chow-Ma-Wei road. On [REDACTED], the token set was rotating. On this same date three heavy trucks and one trailer were also at the site. Located 1.4 mile south of the radar site is a four gun heavy anti-aircraft battery.

This Token radar has probably been at this site since early [REDACTED] 25X1D

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Hydro-electric Power

Kutien (26/36N - 118/48E): Located 2.8 miles south of Kutien and on the Kutien Chi (River) is a small dam. A power plant is located approximately [REDACTED]

A power line leads from the power plant south along the east bank of the Kutien Chi. The poles along this section are single poles carrying probably two wires. At Shui-kou, on the Min River the power line turns east and runs to Fu-chou. This line follows the north bank of the Min and the wires are mounted on double poles. (See enclosure)

Transportation

25X1D Railroad: Photography dated [REDACTED] revealed preliminary railroad survey lines along the north bank of the Min River from San-tu-kou (26/25N - 118/33) to Hsiang-chi-kou (26/14N - 118/55E). This is the first photographic evidence of work on the Nan-ping-Fu-chou railroad. The route of this line will probably be along the north bank of the Min River from Nan-ping to Fu-chou. (See enclosure 1).

25X1D Shipping: Activity at Ma-Wei (25/59N - 119/26E) continued during the period covered by this report. On [REDACTED] there were five cargo ships anchored off shore. These included two 100' long craft, two measuring 115' long and one ship 360'. Photography dated [REDACTED] revealed the presence of one [REDACTED]

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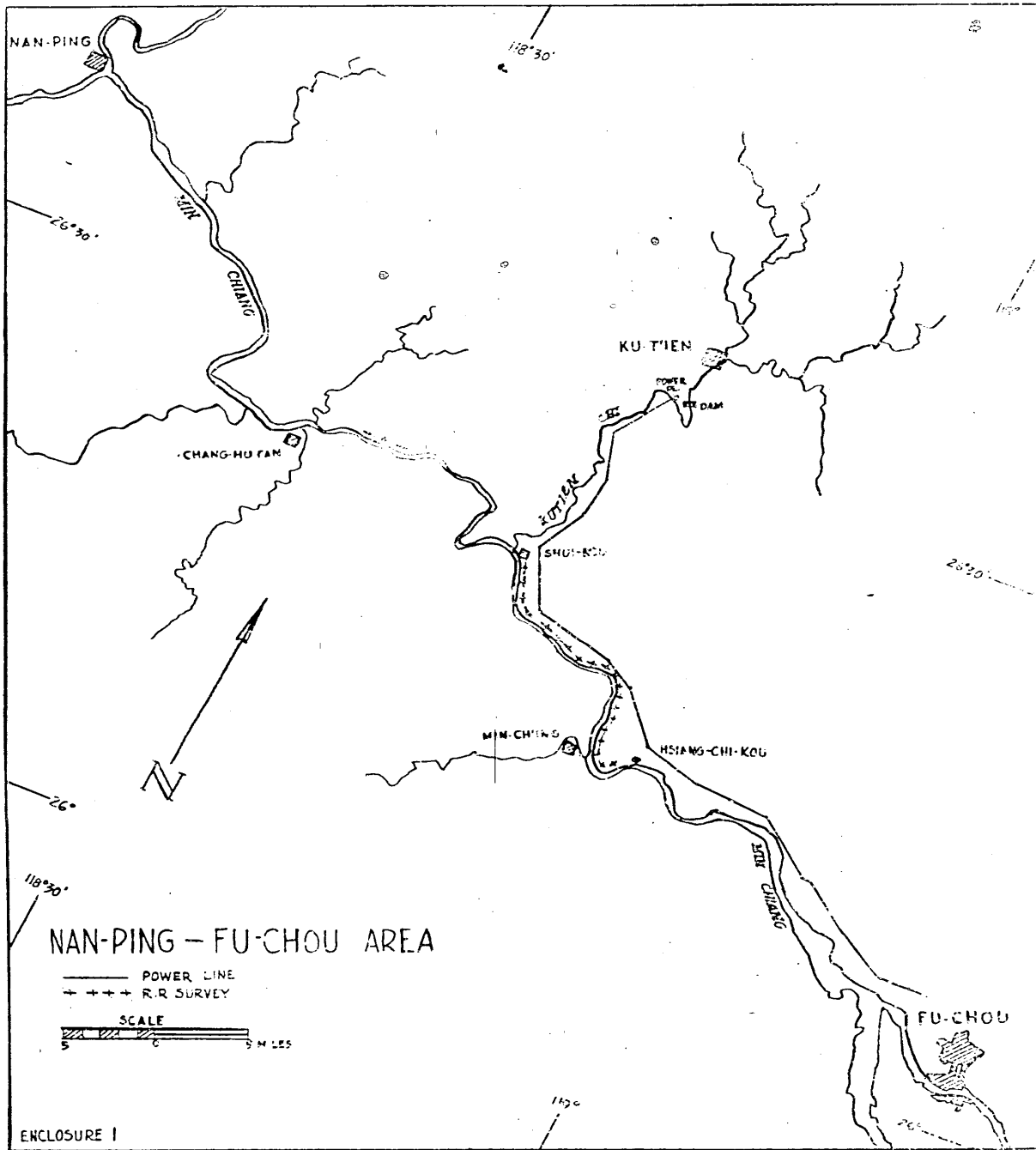
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355° ship unloading into lighters off Ma-Wei.

25X1D [REDACTED] fifteen probable YP type craft or motorized junks were noted at Kuan-tou (26/08N - 119/34E).

25X1D Truck activity: On photo coverage [REDACTED] 221 trucks were counted in the vicinity of Chien-ou (27/03N - 118/19E). Sixteen of these trucks were seen in a convoy approaching Chien-ou on the road from Nan-ping, to the south.

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