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This memorandum is intended to summarize the photo intelligence contained in aerial photography taken between [REDACTED]. Items of specific interest include airfields, roads, defenses and railroads.

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AIRFIELDS

Ching-Yang (24°47'N - 118°35'E): All construction equipment and materials have been removed from the vicinity of the runway. An additional hanger has been located in the north aircraft revetment area facing the taxiway. A revetted ammunition storage building has been constructed in the vicinity of the warehouse area located 1500 feet south of the control tower.

Installation of a landing light system was underway on both sides and ends of the runway. The lights will be spaced approximately 150 feet apart. Six pole antennas have been located in the vicinity of the Inner Beacon of the Beam Approach Landing System described and located in GP/I-122. A buried cable connects these antennas with the beacon installation.

Lung-Chi (24°33'N - 117°39'E): Work was progressing on the runway and taxi strips. Construction work also continued on the barracks and buildings in the area south of the west end of the runway.

Swatow Northeast (23°26'N - 116°46'E): Construction work was continuing on the support buildings at the airfield. Sub-surface ground communication lines are being installed. The runways showed no change.

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Non-Tai (26°00'N - 119°19'E): Little change noted since issuance of GP/I-108. All sheds have been removed from the runway area. A probable radio station has been located on the south edge of the runway. This installation consists of two small antennas with buried cables leading to a cluster of buildings.

Lung-tien (25°34'N - 119°23'E): Surfacing was still being undertaken on the runway. The last coverage revealed small white rectangular objects scattered on a black base. N.N.E. of the runway a new barracks area is under construction. This area consists of 14 permanent type buildings ringed by a new road with good access to the airfield. Construction of a drainage system was in progress.

Chienou (27°03'N - 118°18'E): The airfield was still inactive. Coverage of [] revealed several trucks near the north bridge and road leading to the airfield. Five tents were also noted on or near the runway.

Chuh-sien (28°53'N - 118°53'E): Incomplete coverage of the airfield on [] showed 65 MIG-15's and two propeller driven planes on the field. There did not appear to be any MIG-17's on the [] photography.

DEFENSES

Amoy: Very little change was noted. The base of the causeway connecting Amoy Island with the mainland was still being built up to prevent the erosion of the road.

Pehling Peninsula: Active construction of defensive installations was continuing. Newly occupied artillery and anti-aircraft positions

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were located. A large amount of recently constructed trench works and barrack-type buildings was noted. There was no change in the road network since the [] GP/L-127 will give a detailed report of the Pehling situation.

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ROADS AND RAILROADS

Roads: Very little change has been noticed in the road situation, with no new road construction located.

Railroads: Active construction on the Chekiang-Kiangsi railroad to Amoy via Nanping was revealed on [] photography. This photography covered approximately 175 miles of the line from Kuang-tse (27°35'N - 118°18'E) via Shao-wu and Shun-chang to just south of Hsia-Yang (26°47'N - 117°59'E). Three tunnels and a telephone line appear to be under construction along the rail line. For details of this railroad construction refer to GP/L-125 dated 21 September 1955.

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SHIPPING

Ma Wei (26°09'N - 119°26'E): Ship activity appeared to be active.

[] photography showed a 120' cargo ship and 12 - 75' patrol crafts in the area. Three of the patrol crafts were out of the water on marine railways. On [] a 250' oil tanker was located off the old P.O.L. storage site opposite Ma Wei.

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