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KEP AIRFIELD
NORTH VIETNAM
2124N 10616E

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD L-2350 FOR COMPARISON)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
AT KEP AIRFIELD.

2. LOCATION:

KEP AIRFIELD IS LOCATED 1.5 NM SOUTH OF KEP AND THIRTY-TWO NM
NORTHEAST OF HA NOI.

3. BACKGROUND:

KEP AIRFIELD WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT BY THE JAPANESE DURING WORLD
WAR II AND UNTIL 1965 HAD BEEN USED PRIMARILY BY LIGHT TRANSPORT
AIRCRAFT AND SOME HELICOPTERS. BEFORE IMPROVEMENT THE AIRFIELD CONSISTED
OF A 4,100 X 90 FT, NE/SW RUNWAY WITH FOURTEEN AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS.
SIX WAREHOUSES, SEVEN SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AND A WEATHER STATION.

ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF LATE INITIAL IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITY
WAS NOTED AT THE AIRFIELD. CONTINUING PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE DURING THE
REMAINDER OF 1965 AND 1966 REVEALED THE HARD-SURFACING OF THE RUNWAY,
AND THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION OF A PARALLEL TAXIWAY AND A TAXI-
WAY EXTENDING FROM THE SOUTHWEST END OF THE RUNWAY. EXISTING AIRCRAFT
REVETMENTS WERE IMPROVED AND NEW AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS WERE CONSTRUCTED.

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IN [REDACTED], WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE 5,975 X 155 FT CONCRETE RUNWAY, EIGHT FAGOT/FRESCO WERE OBSERVED AT KEP, CONFIRMING THE AIRFIELD FOR JET USAGE.

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5. MISSION READOUT:

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[REDACTED] REVEALS KEP AIRFIELD TO HAVE A 5,975 X 155 FT, NE/SW, CONCRETE RUNWAY. THE SOUTHWEST OVERRUN IS BEING EXTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 2,700 FT, WHICH, IF SURFACED, COULD ESTABLISH A RUNWAY LENGTH IN EXCESS OF 8,000 FT. LOW HILLS AT THE APPROACHES TO BOTH ENDS OF THE RUNWAY ARE BEING LEVELED, AND A CANAL AT THE SOUTHWEST END OF THE RUNWAY IS BEING RECHANNELED TO ACCOMMODATE

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THE EXTENSION. THE TAXIWAY WHICH PARALLELS THE RUNWAY ON THE SOUTH SIDE IS PRESENTLY BEING SURFACED.

AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL AREAS ARE OBSERVED NORTHWEST AND SOUTHEAST OF THE RUNWAY. THE NORTHWEST DISPERSAL AREA IS OPERATIONAL AND CONTAINS TWELVE AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS WHICH ARE PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY JET AIRCRAFT. FOUR AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS ARE ALSO LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST PARKING APRON, THREE OF WHICH ARE OCCUPIED BY JET AIRCRAFT. THE SOUTHEAST DISPERSAL AREA IS BEING ESTABLISHED AROUND A 4,500 FT TAXIWAY (ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED ON NPIC L-2350 AS 2,100 FT) EXTENDING SOUTH AND PERPENDICULAR TO THE SOUTHWEST END OF THE RUNWAY. THIS DISPERSAL AREA CONTAINS TEN AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS AND A PROBABLE PARKING APRON, ALL IN VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. IN ADDITION, TEN SMALLER REVETMENTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND SIX OLD AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS ARE LOCATED SOUTH OF THE AIRFIELD.

THREE DISPERSED STORAGE AREAS ARE LOCATED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE AIRFIELD. ONE AREA, LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE NORTHWEST AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL AREA, CONSISTS OF TWENTY-TWO REVETMENTS, FIFTEEN OF WHICH CONTAIN BUILDINGS/SHEDS. THE SECOND AREA, ADJACENT TO THE SOUTHEAST AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL AREA, CONSISTS OF TEN REVETMENTS, NINE OF WHICH CONTAIN SMALL BUILDINGS/SHEDS. A THIRD STORAGE AREA, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ONE NM SOUTHEAST OF THE AIRFIELD AND EAST OF ROUTE 1A, CONTAINS AT LEAST THIRTY-EIGHT SMALL REVETTED BUILDINGS DISPERSED AMONG LOW HILLS.

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OTHER FACILITIES AT THE AIRFIELD INCLUDE AN OPERATIONS BUILDING WITH A CONTROL TOWER, FOUR BARRACKS-TYPE BUILDINGS, ONE MESSHALL, A WEATHER STATION, TWO VEHICLE SHEDS, AND SEVERAL SMALL SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OBSERVED AT THE RUNWAY EXTENSION INCLUDES ONE GRADER, FIVE TOWED SCRAPERS (THREE WITHOUT TRACTORS), SIX TRACTORS WITH SCRAPER BLADES, SIX TRACTORS WITH TOWED PACKERS, TWO ADDITIONAL PACKERS, ONE POL TRUCK, AND AT LEAST THREE CARGO TRUCKS. A CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT IS LOCATED SOUTH OF THE PARALLEL TAXIWAY.

AIRCRAFT OBSERVED AT THE FIELD INCLUDE TWENTY-ONE FAGOT/FRESCO, AND THREE FAGOT/FRESCO WITH TAIL ASSEMBLY REMOVED. ONE PROBABLE FAGOT/FRESCO FUSELAGE IS ALSO OBSERVED.

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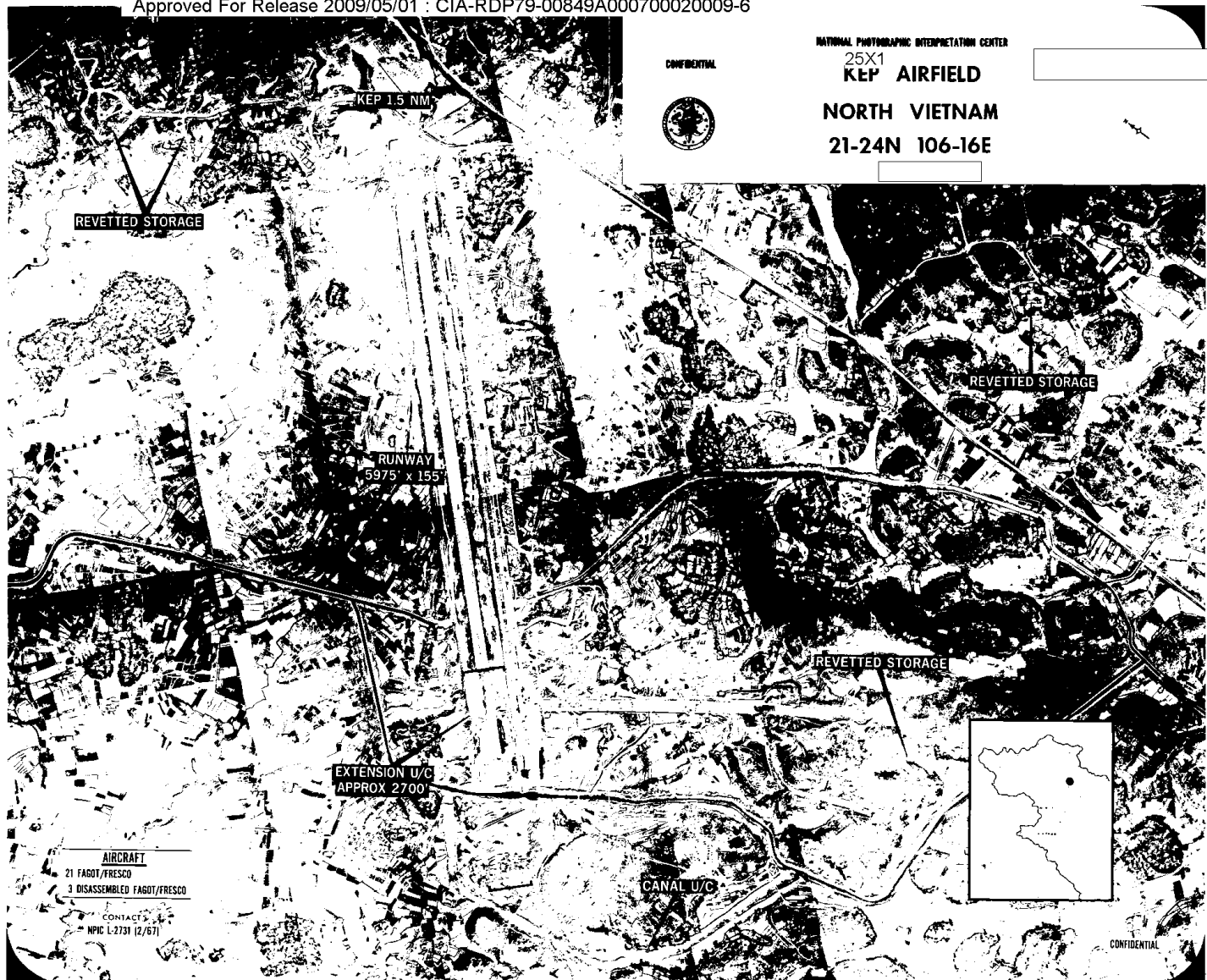
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