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NORTH VIETNAM  
2101N 10530E

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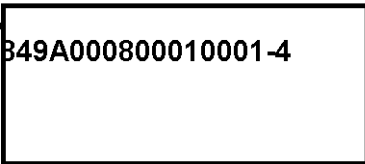
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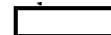
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ILS FACILITY

FIRING-IN BUTT

WEATHER  
STATION

GCA SITE

POSS RUNWAY U/C  
6985' X 180'

RUNWAY

AIRCRAFT REVTMENT

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