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ROAD CONSTRUCTION
LAOS/CAMBODIA BORDER AREA

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN SOUTHERN LAOS AND NORTHERN CAMBODIA.

2. LOCATION:

THE THREE ROADS DEPICTED ON THIS BRIEFING BOARD ARE LOCATED FROM ATTOPEU, LAOS, AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED NORTH/SOUTH UNNUMBERED ROAD IN LAOS EXTENDS SOUTH FROM CHAVANE AIRFIELD AND TERMINATES APPROXIMATELY 39 NM EAST-SOUTHEAST OF ATTOPEU, 1.5 NM NORTH OF THE CAMBODIA BORDER AND 4 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER.

B. THE NEW EAST/WEST UNNUMBERED ROAD IN SOUTHERN LAOS HAS A WESTERN TERMINUS 8 NM SOUTHWEST OF ATTOPEU AND AN EASTERN TERMINUS AT THE NORTH/SOUTH UNNUMBERED ROAD IN LAOS APPROXIMATELY 29 NM EAST-SOUTHEAST OF ATTOPEU.

C. THE NEW UNNUMBERED ROAD IN CAMBODIA STARTS FROM CAMBODIA ROUTE 15 ON THE EAST BANK OF THE TONLE KONG (RIVER) (SE KONG IN LAOS), 49 NM SOUTHWEST OF ATTOPEU, AND TERMINATES NORTHEAST OF BAN SAN KEO AIRFIELD IN CAMBODIA, 31 NM SOUTHWEST OF ATTOPEU.

3. BACKGROUND/COLLATERAL:

A. THE NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY DEPICTED ON THIS BOARD

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INCLUDES AN EXTENSION OF THE UNNUMBERED NORTH/SOUTH ROAD THAT BEGINS
AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF CHAVANE AIRFIELD [Redacted] AT
1520N 10703E IN THE AREA OF ROUTE 165, AND EXTENDS SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST
TO ITS PRESENT TERMINUS NEAR THE CAMBODIA BORDER.

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THIS ROAD WAS FIRST OBSERVED IN OCTOBER 1965 AND AT THAT TIME
CONSISTED OF TRAIL CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT. BY DECEMBER 1965
THE CONSTRUCTION HAD PROGRESSED SOUTH TO THE SE KAMANE (RIVER) AT
1457N 10711E. PHOTOGRAPHY OF JANUARY 1966 REVEALED THAT THE ROAD
HAD BEEN EXTENDED FURTHER SOUTH TO 1439N 10721E, AND VEHICLE TRACKS
WERE OBSERVED AS FAR SOUTH AS 1443N 10717E. PHOTOGRAPHY OF EARLY
FEBRUARY 1966 REVEALED THAT THE ROAD HAD BEEN EXTENDED EAST AND SOUTH-
EAST TO 1438N 10724E. CLEARING OPERATIONS WERE NOT OBSERVED BEYOND
THAT POINT.

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4. MISSION READOUT:

COMPARISON OF PHOTOGRAPHY OF TROJAN HORSE

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AND TROJAN HORSE

REVEALS THE CHANGES

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IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN SOUTHERN LAOS AND NORTHERN CAMBODIA. THE FOLLOWING MISSION READOUT IS FROM TROJAN HORSE

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A. THE NORTH/SOUTH UNNUMBERED ROAD FROM CHAVANE AIRFIELD HAS NOW BEEN EXTENDED FROM ITS PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED SOUTHERN TERMINUS AT 1438N 10724E (UTM YB592188) 3.7 NM EAST TO 1438N 10728E (UTM YB660205). CLEARING OPERATIONS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON THIS SEGMENT OF THE ROAD; HOWEVER, THE CONDITION OF THE ROAD COULD NOT BE DETERMINED BECAUSE OF THE SCALE OF PHOTOGRAPHY. THE TERMINUS OF THE ROAD IS NOW 1.5 NM NORTH OF THE CAMBODIA BORDER AND 4 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER. (NOTE: THIS AREA WITHIN CAMBODIA IS THE LOCATION OF SUSPECTED INSURGENT ACTIVITY AS DEPICTED ON NPIC BRIEFING BOARD K-3644. JULY 1965 PHOTOGRAPHY HAD REVEALED NUMEROUS BUILDINGS, EXTENSIVE TRACK ACTIVITY, ISOLATED PATCHES OF ROW CROPS, AND ONE RAZED NATIVE VILLAGE.)

B. ROAD CLEARING OPERATIONS EXTEND FROM THE NORTH/SOUTH UNNUMBERED ROAD AT 1442N 10718E (UTM YB485276), NORTHWEST TO 1444N 10715E

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(UTM YB427301), THEN WEST GENERALLY FOLLOWING THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SE SON (RIVER) TO 1443N 10657E (UTM YB103287). THE ROAD CLEARING OPERATIONS END APPROXIMATELY 8 NM SOUTHEAST OF ATTOPEU. THE DISTANCE COVERED BY THE CLEARING OPERATION, FROM THE UNNUMBERED NORTH/SOUTH ROAD WEST TOWARDS ATTOPEU, IS APPROXIMATELY 17.2 NM. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF THIS ACTIVITY ON TROJAN HORSE

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C. ROAD CLEARING OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN CAMBODIA EXTEND ALONG THE EAST BANK OF THE TONLE KONG FROM CAMBODIA ROUTE 15 AT 1406N 10624E (UTM XA519605), NORTH TO 1426N 10621E (UTM XA455963), EAST TO 1426N 10625E (UTM XA528975), THEN NORTH TO 1428N 10625E (UTM XB541001). THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF INTERMITTENT ROAD CLEARING OPERATIONS ON TROJAN HORSE ENDING AT 1426N 10623E (UTM XA495970), JUST WEST OF BAN SAN KEO AIRFIELD THE ROAD WAS SUBSEQUENTLY EXTENDED TO ITS PRESENT VISIBLE TERMINUS, PASSING SOUTH OF THE AIRFIELD. (NOTE: THE RUNWAY SURFACE AT BAN SAN KEO AIRFIELD HAS BEEN RECONDITIONED SINCE PHOTOGRAPHY OF TROJAN HORSE AND APPEARS TO BE NEARLY COMPLETED.)

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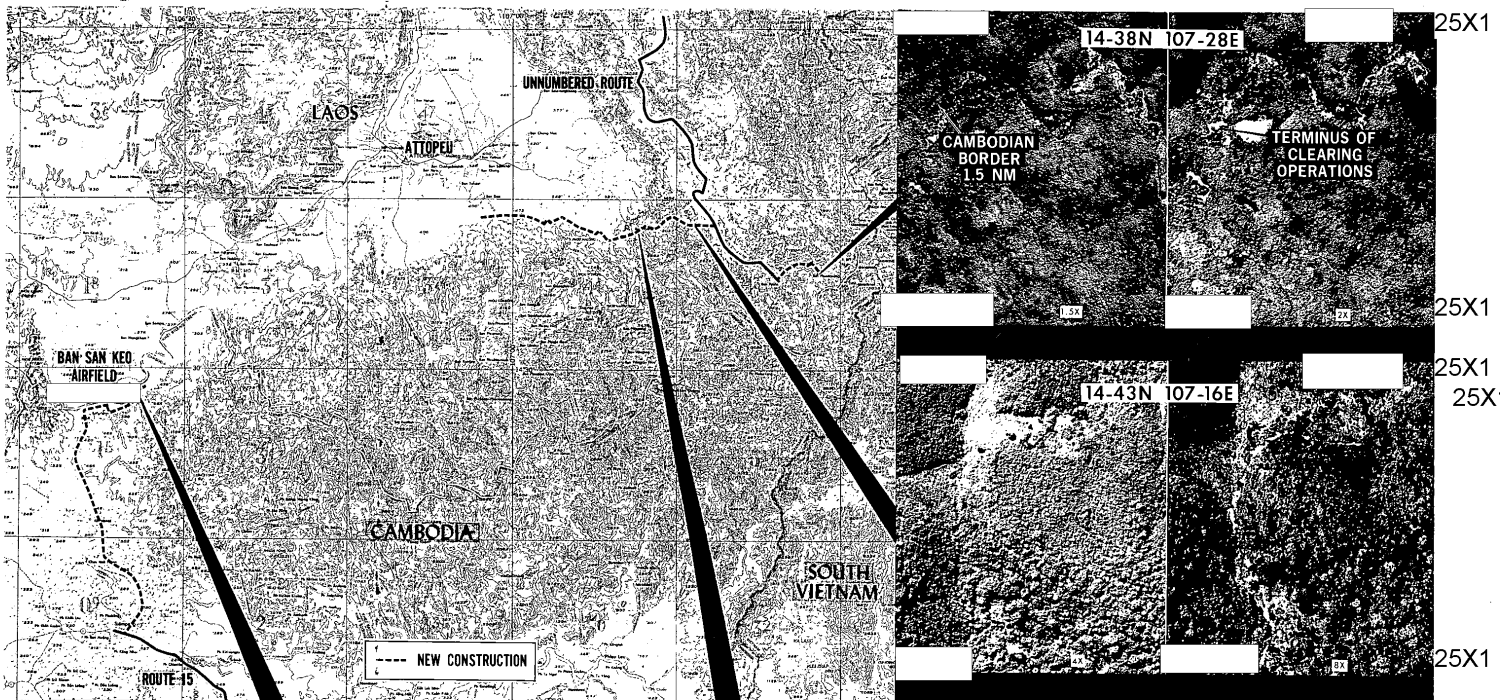
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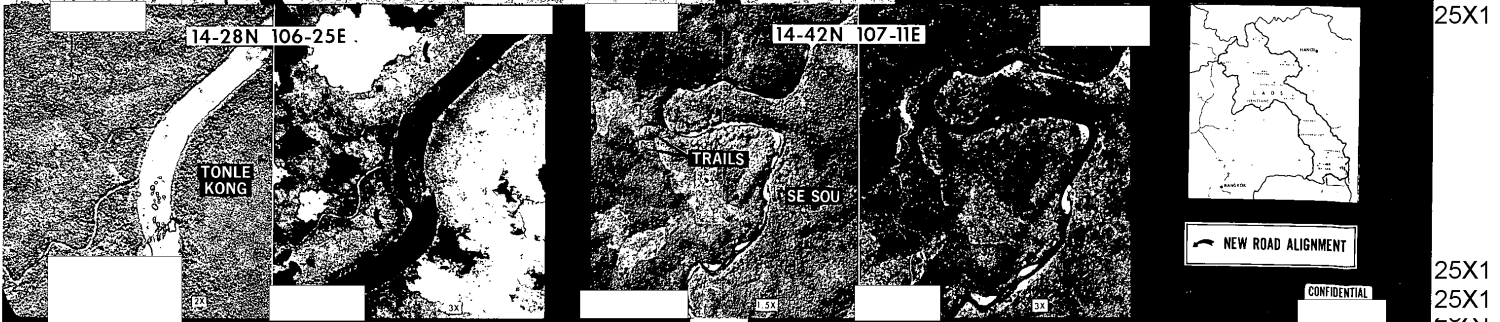
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