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1. By the end of October 1950 all bridges on the highways from Yunnan and Kwangsi into Indochina are to be widened under the direction of Soviet technicians.\* These highways are as follows:
  - a. Chanchiang (109-49, 22-54) - Ch'inhsien (108-37, 21-58)\*\* - Fangch'eng (108-23, 21-46) - Tungshing (107-58, 21-33).
  - b. Manning (108-18, 22-48) - Chennankuan (106-41, 21-58).
  - c. T'ientung (107-06, 23-37) - Chinghsi (106-26, 23-09) - Cao Bang.
  - d. Paise (106-34, 23-55) - Cao Bang.
  - e. K'aiyuan (103-10, 23-44) - Wenshan (104-14, 23-22) - Hoyang.\*\*\*
  - f. Mengtru (103-23, 23-20) - Hanoi.
  - g. Ch'inhsien - Manning - T'ientung - Paise - Wenshan - K'aiyuan.
2. As of late September the highway from Kunming to Yuch'i (102-29, 24-23) and Linan (102-50, 23-40) and K'aiyuan had been extended to Hok'ou (103-57, 22-32) on the Indochina border. Permanent bridges had not been completed and temporary bridges were in use.
3. In March 1950 the government mobilized an army engineer corps and civilian workers to extend the Kunming - Tali (100-11, 25-43) highway to Sikang Province. As of September the highway from Tali to Lichiang (100-15, 26-51) was in operation and construction work on the highway to the north was still underway.
4. The highway from Kunming to Burma\*\*\*\* by way of Paoshan (99-09, 25-07) and T'engch'ung (98-29, 25-01) had been repaired and the highway eastward from Kunming to Kwangsi by way of Shihsung (104-00, 24-50) and Lop'ing (104-20, 24-58) had also been repaired.

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5. On 26 August 30,000 regular army troops and 7,000 railway troops were mobilized to reconstruct a railway from Laipin (109-16, 23-42) to Chennankuan by way of Nanning.\*\*\*\*\* The work is to be completed by the end of June 1951.
6. In September the Communists inspected the Mengtzu - Hok'ou section of the Yunnan-Indochina railway and made plans to repair it.
7. In early October part of the 3 Division of the Railway Army Group was on its way to Hengyang in accordance with an order for the transfer of the division from the Northeast to Hankow.
8. In September the railway from Kunming to Pisechai (103-24, 23-26) and from Pisechai to Mengtzu was in operation.

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\* Comment. In September and October military supplies were being sent from China into Indochina by land from Chiuchou (106-24, 23-01) by way of Anning (106-16, 22-57) to Ch'aling (106-24, 23-01).

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\*\* Comment. As of 20 October all Chinese Communist troops in Kwangtung were reported to be concentrated in the Ch'inhsien area.

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\*\*\* Comment. Possibly Hok'ou was intended. See paragraphs 2 and 5.

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\*\*\*\* Comment. The road from Kunming to Burma was reported to be serviceable in June 1950. According to one report the Communists plan to attack Southeast Asia when road and railway construction is completed.

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\*\*\*\*\* Comment. According to the press, 4,000 civilian workers were also employed in construction work on this railway. According to another report the railway is to be completed by the end of 1950.

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