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NPIC/PEG (12/82)Copy 30**DRYDOCK DELIVERY
SAIGON NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD, VIETNAM**

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: THE DELIVERY OF VIETNAM'S LARGEST CAPACITY FLOATING DRYDOCK (YFD) HAS OCCURRED AT THIS NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD.

2. (SWN) REMARKS: AN 8,500 TON LIFT CAPACITY DRYDOCK AND TWO TUGS (ONLY ONE ON GRAPHIC) HAVE ARRIVED AT THE WESTERN OFFSHORE WHARVES [REDACTED] TWO WINGWALL CRANES AND A LENGTH OF ANCHORING CABLE ARE IN THE WELL OF THE DOCK. IT IS UNKNOWN WHETHER THE DOCK WILL REMAIN AT SAIGON TO BE USED TO REPAIR SOVIET MERCHANT SHIPS WHICH FREQUENT SAIGON AND/OR THE VIETNAMESE NAVAL UNITS STATIONED THERE, OR PROCEED TO THE SOVIET BASE AT CAM RANH NAVAL AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT BASE [REDACTED] FOR THE SERVICING OF LARGER SOVIET AND VIETNAMESE NAVAL UNITS THERE (UP TO CRUISER/DESTROYER SIZE). THE DOCK WAS CONSTRUCTED IN THE SOVIET UNION AT KHERSON SHIPYARD KUYBYSHEV [REDACTED] AND WAS REPORTED TO HAVE DEPARTED THE BLACK SEA IN TOW OF THREE OCEAN TUGS.

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(SWN) THE SOVIETS HAVE RECENTLY SUPPLIED FLOATING DRYDOCKS OF A SIMILAR SIZE TO ANGOLA, AT LUANDA PORT FACILITIES [REDACTED] AND TO MOZAMBIQUE, AT MAPUTO PORT FACILITIES [REDACTED]. A REPAIR BARGE WAS ALSO TRANSFERRED WITH THESE PREVIOUS DELIVERIES, HOWEVER, NO SUCH BARGE IS OBSERVED IN THE DOCK IN VIETNAM.

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 10-46-58N 106-42-50E

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