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REF A: NPIC MESSAGE 7397, DTG 070403Z, JUNE 1966
INITIAL SCAN BY NPIC OF GIANT DRAGON MISSIONS T942/T703, 17
JAN 1968; T945/T311, 21 JAN 68; T946/T906, 23 JAN 68 AND T948/T310,
25 JAN 68 REVEALS FOUR NEWLY OBSERVED TELECOMMUNICATION OPEN-WIRE
LINES IN THE LAOS PANHANDLE AND IN SOUTH VIETNAM NORTH OF THE A SHAU
VALLEY.

1. A TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE TRACE, APPROXIMATELY 70 NM
LONG, EXTENDS SOUTHEAST FROM 16 41 18N-106 07 00E (UTM XD190452),
7 NM WEST OF SEPONE (16 41N-106 14E), TO 15 54 25N-106 41 35E
(XC812592), 6 NM NW OF BAN BAC (19 50N-106 46E). THE TRACE,
GENERALLY PARALLELING ROUTES 914 AND 92, MAINTAINS A ONE-TO-THREE
NM DISTANCE FROM THE ROAD. THE TRACE INTERSECTS THE FOLLOWING
COORDINATES: 16 35 22N-106 09 56E (XD244344), 16 25 22N-106 25 22E
(XD519161), 16 23 16N-106 32 35E (XD647123), 16 04 04N-106 37 39E
(XC740770) AND FINALLY TO ITS VISIBLE TERMINUS AT 15 54 25N-106
41 35E (XC812592). A TELEPHONE LINE, CONSISTING OF A SINGLE LINE
WITH TWO RUBBER COATED WIRES STRUNG ON BRANCHES AND SOMETIMES
ALONG THE GROUND, WAS REPORTED IN TDCS-314/01046-67, 19 JAN 67.
THIS LINE REPORTEDLY PARALLELED ROUTES 9, 92 AND 96 BETWEEN BAN
KENG KHAN MAI, 16 45 38N-106 08 12E (XD212532) AND BAN THAKKHANAT,
15 08 40N-107 05 40E (YB256755). (BB)

2. A TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE TRACE IS OBSERVED FROM ITS
NORTHERN TERMINUS AT 16 49 30N-106 19 58E (XD419605) SOUTH TO
16 34 18N-106 23 02E (XD476325). FROM THIS POINT A PROBABLE TRACE
IS INTERMITTANTLY OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE VICINITY OF
16 31 48N-106 25 50E (XD526279) AND AGAIN AT 16 31 02N-106 23 48E
(XD489265), 2.1 NM NORTH OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE
TRACE DESCRIBED IN ITEM NO. 1. THIS NORTH-SOUTH TRACE WILL
PROBABLY CONNECT WITH THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF A) TELECOMM-
UNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE LINE WHICH EXTENDS INTO LAOS FROM THE NORTH
VIETNAM SIDE OF THE DMZ (BB).

3. A PROBABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE TRACE IS INTERMITTANTLY
OBSERVED EXTENDING NORTH THEN WEST FROM THE TRACE DESCRIBED
IN ITEM NO. 1 AT 16 23 22N-106 32 20E (XD642125). THE PROBABLE
TRACE CONTINUES WEST THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF PE RIANG (3) AT
16 26 27N-106 37 32E (XD735182) AND TERMINATES IN THE VICINITY
OF 16 26 27N-106 37 32E (XD735182) AND TERMINATES IN THE VICINITY
OF 16 27 50N-106 40 20E (XD785209), 0.3 NM FROM THE SOUTH
VIETNAM BORDER (BB).

4. A TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE TRACE IS INTERMITTANTLY
OBSERVED GENERALLY PARALLELING ROUTE 922 FROM ITS VISIBLE TERMINUS
IN THE VICINITY OF 16 20 30N-106 47 05E (XD906074) SE CROSSING
ROUTE 922 AT 16 15 32N-106 56 50E (YC081985). THE TRACE CONTINUES
GENERALLY ESE TO 16 14 38N-107 00 50E (XC151968) THEN ENE CROSSING
THE LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AT 16 17 45N-107 06 52E (YD258027)
AND THEN TO ITS VISIBLE TERMINUS IN THE VICINITY OF 16 19 42N-
107 11 28E (YD340064). THIS TRACE IS POSSIBLY AN EXTENTION OF
THE TRACE DESCRIBED IN ITEM NO. 3 (BB).

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