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 6242 I, II, 6341 I, II, IV, AND 6441 III, 1ST ED. THIS CIPIR SUPPLE
 MENTS INTELLIGENCE REPORTED IN REF MESSAGES. THIS IS A BLACK SH
 IELD MESSAGE.

ALTHOUGH A LARGE PORTION OF THIS MISSION WAS CLOUD COVERED,
 DID PROVIDE GOOD QUALITY COVERAGE OF THE CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM
 BORDER, THE TRI-BORDER AREA AND THE LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER
 AREA WEST OF KHE SANH.

THE MISSION WAS OF PARTICULAR VALUE IN DISTINGUISHING TWO
 SEPARATE OPEN-WIRE TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINES IN THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE
 THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE CONNECTION OF NUMEROUS ISOLATED
 SEGMENTS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRACES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY NPIC.

A NEW ROAD IN THE TRI-BORDER AREA OF SOUTH VIETNAM WAS ALSO
 DISCOVERED ON THIS MISSION. THIS ROAD, WHICH EXTENDS EAST OFF THE
 SOUTHERN EXTENSION OF LAOS ROUTE 110, IS A FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE
 COMMUNIST LOGISTICS NETWORK IN THE VITAL TRI-BORDER AREA.

PART I. SIGNIFICANT PHOTO INTERPRETATIONS

B. NEW TARGETS AND SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

ZZZ01:CONT UNNUMBERED ROAD CONST SGM NONE CTY LA/VS 162900N1062900E
 CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ROAD EXTENDING
 EAST FROM ROUTE 92 AT 162952N 1062931E (UTM XD591244) TO THE
 LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER ON THE WEST BANK OF THE SE PONE (RIVER)
 AT 162922N 1063948E (XD775236) (REF D). VEHICLE TRACKS EXTEND
 FROM THE ORIGINAL ALIGNMENT TO CROSS THE RIVER ON A NATURAL
 OUTCROP AT XD777235. FROM THIS POINT, TRACKS CONTINUE GENERALLY
 NORTH ALONG THE ALIGNMENT OF A PREVIOUSLY EXISTING TRAIL TO
 APPROXIMATELY 163130N 1064033E (XD788276).

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ZZZ02:CONTINUED ROAD CONST, VS SGM NONE CTY VS 164348N1063427E
 ROUTE 92 EXTENDED IS SERVICEABLE AND IN USE BEYOND ITS
 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TERMINUS (REF A) AT 164348N 1063427E
 (XD678502), EXTENDING GENERALLY EASTWARD AN ADDITIONAL 2.3 NM
 TO 164325N 1063625E (XD712495), 9.5 NM NW OF KHE SANH.

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ZZZ03:NEW ROAD TRI-BORDER AREA SGM NONE CTY VS 142950N1073245E

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A NEW ROAD IS OBSERVED EXTENDING EAST FROM THE SOUTHERN UNNUMBERED EXTENSION OF LAOS ROUTE 110 IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE NEW ROAD EXTENDS FROM 142950N 1073245E (YB743041) TO 143005N 1073730E (YB829046), FOLLOWING THE CONTOUR OF THE LAND. THE SOUTHERN UNNUMBERED EXTENSION OF LAOS ROUTE 110 IS ALSO OBSERVED EXTENDING SOUTH FROM 142950N 1073245E (YB743041) TO 142445N 1073245E (YA743947).

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ZZZ04:TELECOM TRACE SGM NONE CTY LA 163320N1062252E THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE TRACES IN THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE SW OF THE VIETNAM DMZ, AS DESCRIBED IN REF B, ITEMS 2 AND 3, APPARENTLY CONNECTED TO FORM ONE TRACE AND DO NOT CONNECT TO THE SEPONE-BAN BAC TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRACE AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. THE COMPLETED ALIGNMENT OF THIS TRACE IS AS FOLLOWS--FROM ITS NORTHERN VISIBLE TERMINUS AT 164930N 1061958E (UTM XD419605), THE TRACE IS INTERMITTENTLY OBSERVED EXTENDING SOUTH TO THE VILLAGE OF BAN PRAI AT 163320N 1062252E (XD473308), 5 NM SW OF BAN DONG. IT IS THEN INTERMITTENTLY OBSERVED CONTINUING SE TO 162405N 1062947E (XD597138), THEN NE TO 162620N 1063210E (XD640183), THEN EAST TO ITS VISIBLE TERMINUS AT 162750N 1064020E (XD785209), 10 NM SE OF KHE SANH, SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS TRACE IS A PORTION OF THE LINE DESIGNATED LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE LINE 1 (REF E).

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ZZZ05:TELECOM OPEN-WIRE TRACE SGM NONE CTY LA 161410N1065700E THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE TRACE (REF C), WHICH EXTENDED EASTWARD FROM THE SEPONE-BAN BAC TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINE, HAS BEEN FURTHER EXTENDED. THE GENERAL ALIGNMENT OF THIS EXTENSION, LOCATED SOUTH OF AND GENERALLY PARALLEL TO ROUTE 922, IS AS FOLLOWS--THE TRACE EXTENDS NORTH FROM ITS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TERMINUS AT 161410N 1065700E (YC083959) TO YC090984, THEN EAST, PARALLELING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRACE DESCRIBED IN ITEM 04, TO APPROXIMATELY 161746N 1070702E (YD261027), WHERE THE TRACE IS OBSCURED BY SCATTERED CLOUDS. THIS TERMINUS LIES 200 YARDS INSIDE SOUTH VIETNAM THIS TRACE IS DESIGNATED LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE BRANCH LINE 2A (REF E).

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PART II. OTHER PHOTO INTERPRETATIONS - NONE
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