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**C O N F I D E N T I A L** CITE NPIC 7463

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PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] OVER LAOS REVEALS THE FIRST INDICA-  
TION OF VEHICULAR USE OF A SHORT (10NM) SEGMENT OF ROUTE 96, ALSO  
NEW BYPASS ROAD CONSTRUCTION ALONG ROUTE 96, AND THE GENERAL COND-  
ITION OF ROADS IN THE BAN BAC AREA SUBSEQUENT TO THE MONSOON SEASON.

ROUTE 96 IS OBSERVED FROM ITS NORTHERN TERMINUS WHERE IT JOINS  
ROUTE 923 AT 15-50-28N 106-48-00E (UTM XC927520) SOUTH TO  
CHAVANE AT 15-20-35N 107-03-40E (YB 212971). THE NORTHERNMOST  
NM SEGMENT OF THE ROUTE SOUTH TO XC955430 IS UNSERVICEABLE DUE TO  
SEVERAL LANDSLIDES. FROM THIS POINT SOUTH FOR 10NM TO YC 035338  
THE ROAD IS SERVICEABLE AND APPEARS TO HAVE CARRIED RECENT TRAFFIC.  
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION CONTINUES SOUTH FOR THREE NM TO YC 032297.  
FROM THIS POINT SOUTH, THE ROAD IS IN EXREMELY POOR CONDITION

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PAGE 2 RUEADJU 0055 **C O N F I D E N T I A L**  
CHAVANE. ALL BY-PASSES IN THIS AREA ARE IN DISUSE AND ROUTE 964  
IS UNSERVICEABLE.

NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION EXTENDS 4.7 NM SOUTH FROM ROUTE 96 AT  
15-47-21N 106-50-12E (XC 967463), CROSSES AN UNNAMED STREAM AT  
XC977429, AND REJOINS ROUTE 96 AT 15-43-57N 106-51-25E (XC989401).  
CONSTRUCTION CONSISTS OF INITIAL CLEARING ON THE NORTHERN HALF AND  
GRADING ON THE SOUTHERN HALF. ALL ROADS IN THE BAN BAC AREA REMAIN  
IN DISUSE. THE SOUTHERNMOST SEGMENTS OF ROUTES 92 AND 924 ARE  
COMPLETELY OVERGROWN IN PLACES; HOWEVER, INITIAL RECONSTRUCTION IS  
OBSERVED ON THE SOUTHERN FOUR NM SEGMENT OF ROUTE 924-EXTENDED  
BETWEEN 15-50-40N 106-44-26E (XC863523) AND THE SE KONG (RIVER)  
AT 15-48-55N 106-45-30E (XC882491).

MAP REF: AMS SERIES L7015, SHEETS 6339I, 6340 I, II AND IV 6439 IV,  
ALL FIRST EDITIONS.

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