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INITIAL SCAN BY NPIC OF MISSION BLUE TREE 409P OF 16 SEPT 1966 REVEALS ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION ON THE KEP/THAI NGUYEN RAIL LINE IN NORTH VIETNAM.

A. THE RAIL LINE IS OBSERVED FROM ITS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

RAILHEAD (REF A) AT 2127N 10613E (UTM XJ263735) OESERVED ON

TO THE LIMIT OF INTERPRETABLE PHOTOGRAPHY AT

2133N 10602E (UTM XJ076839) 5.8 NM ESE OF ITS JUNCTION WITH

THE THAI NGUYEN ORE PROCESSING PLANT RAIL LINE AT 2134N

10556E. THE PORTION OF LINE OBSERVED IS PROBABLY SERVICEABLE.

THE CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE ON ALL THE OBSERVED TUNNELS AND

CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 30 PIECES OF ROLLING STOCK. TWO

PIECES OF ROLLING STOCK AND A POSSIBLE LOCOMOTIVE ARE OBSERVED

BRIDGES. A 3-TRACK RAIL YARD AT 2131N 10607E (UTM XJ160797)

ON THE LINE AT 2131N 10606E (UTM XJ151802).

B. TRACK AND TIES ARE NOT EVIDENT ON PORTIONS OF THE RAIL LINE AT UTM XJ220756 (REF B) DUE TO PROBABLE RECENT DUMPING OF ADDITIONAL BALLAST WHICH HAS COVERED THE CROSS-TIES AND PARTIALLY COVERED THE RAILS.

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