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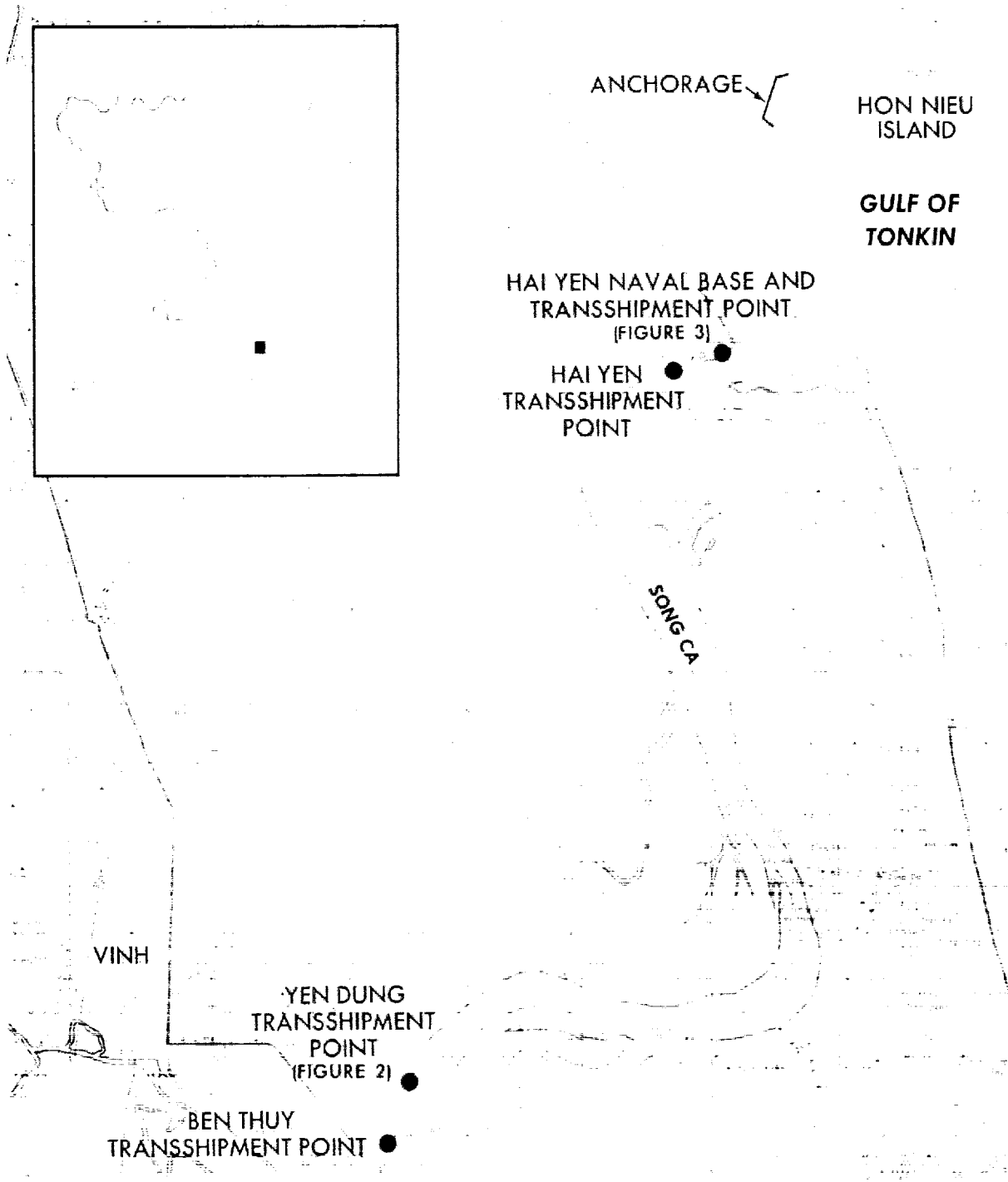


FIGURE 1. GENERAL LOCATION MAP

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Transshipment and storage of supplies along the Song Ca (river) between Ben Thuy and the Hon Nieu coastal anchorage are at the highest level in more than a year, according to photography of [REDACTED]. This activity is apparently the result of increased deliveries to the Hon Nieu coastal anchorage from which supplies arriving by freighters are lightered and transferred by LCMs, barges, and other logistics vessels to transshipment points along the Song Ca east of Vinh (Figure 1).

LCMs have been observed loaded and in transit between the anchorage and the mouth of the Song Ca, while other vessels, including Type 46/47 coasters, LCMs, cargo barges, and small logistics craft, have been seen off-loading or moored at the Hai Yen Naval Base and Transshipment Point and at Yen Dung. Heavy transshipment and stockpiling of supplies have been observed at these locations with large quantities of unidentified materials (probably bagged rice) and 55-gallon POL drums visible (Figures 2 and 3). Larger SL-1 logistics vessels have been seen here several times.

Because warehouse facilities are limited at the transshipment points, stockpiles of materials are in open storage. Some construction appears to be underway at the Yen Dung Transshipment Point with work beginning on a destroyed warehouse, an area being cleared for possible construction, and a small wharf being built.

Other water traffic near the mouth of the Song Ca, in addition to the vessels mentioned above, includes Type 46/47 AOLs (oilers), converted LCMs being used as AOLs, and POL barges, all used for resupplying the POL storage areas along the Song Ca.

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Two merchant vessels were recently observed at the Hon Nieu anchorage. A North Vietnamese merchant ship, [REDACTED] was observed on [REDACTED] and the Chinese Communist merchant ship [REDACTED] was seen on [REDACTED]. Collateral reports indicate the [REDACTED] was at the Hon Nieu anchorage on [REDACTED] with a cargo of 3,499 tons of rice following a direct run from China.*

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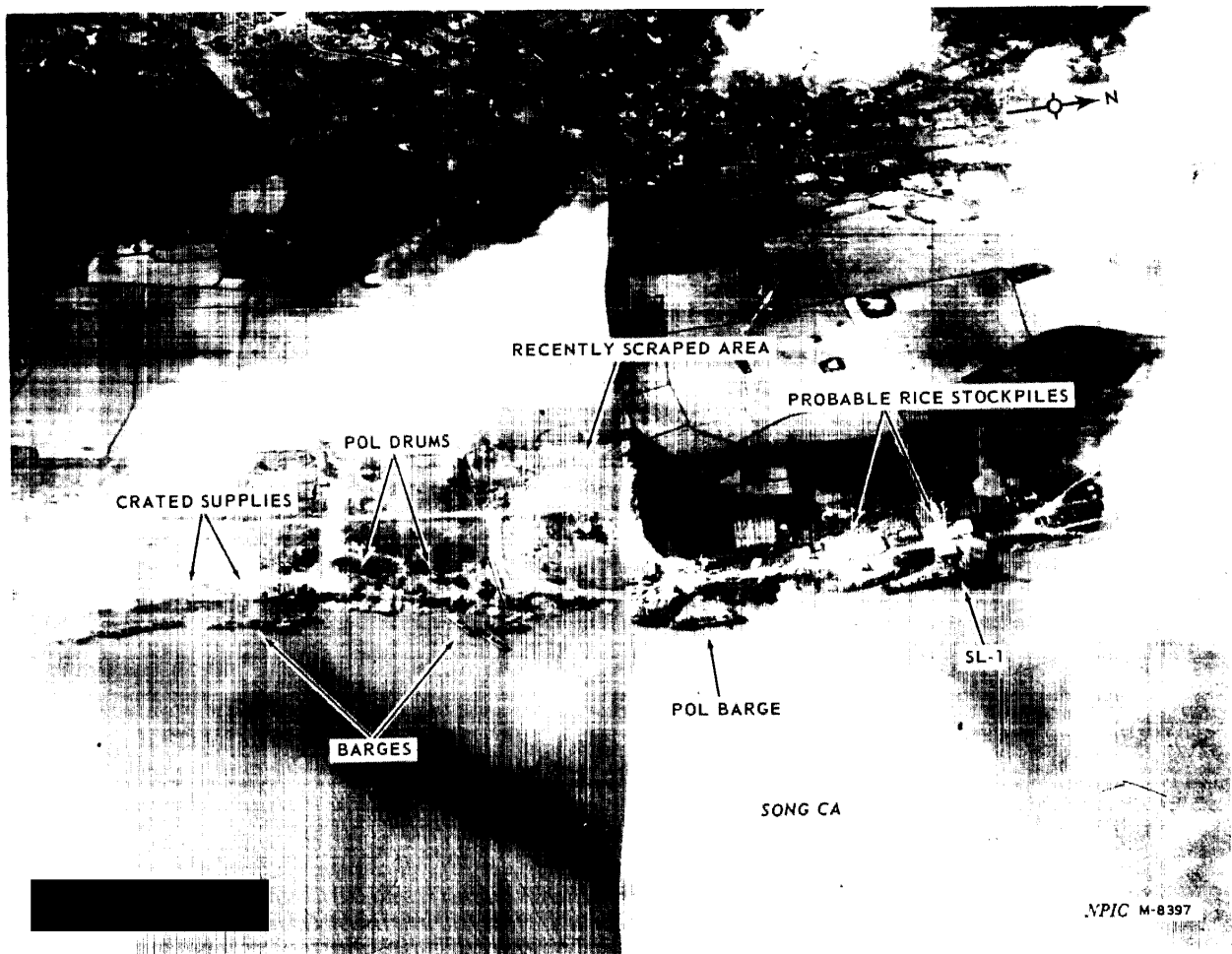


FIGURE 2. YEN DUNG TRANSSHIPMENT POINT, NORTH VIETNAM

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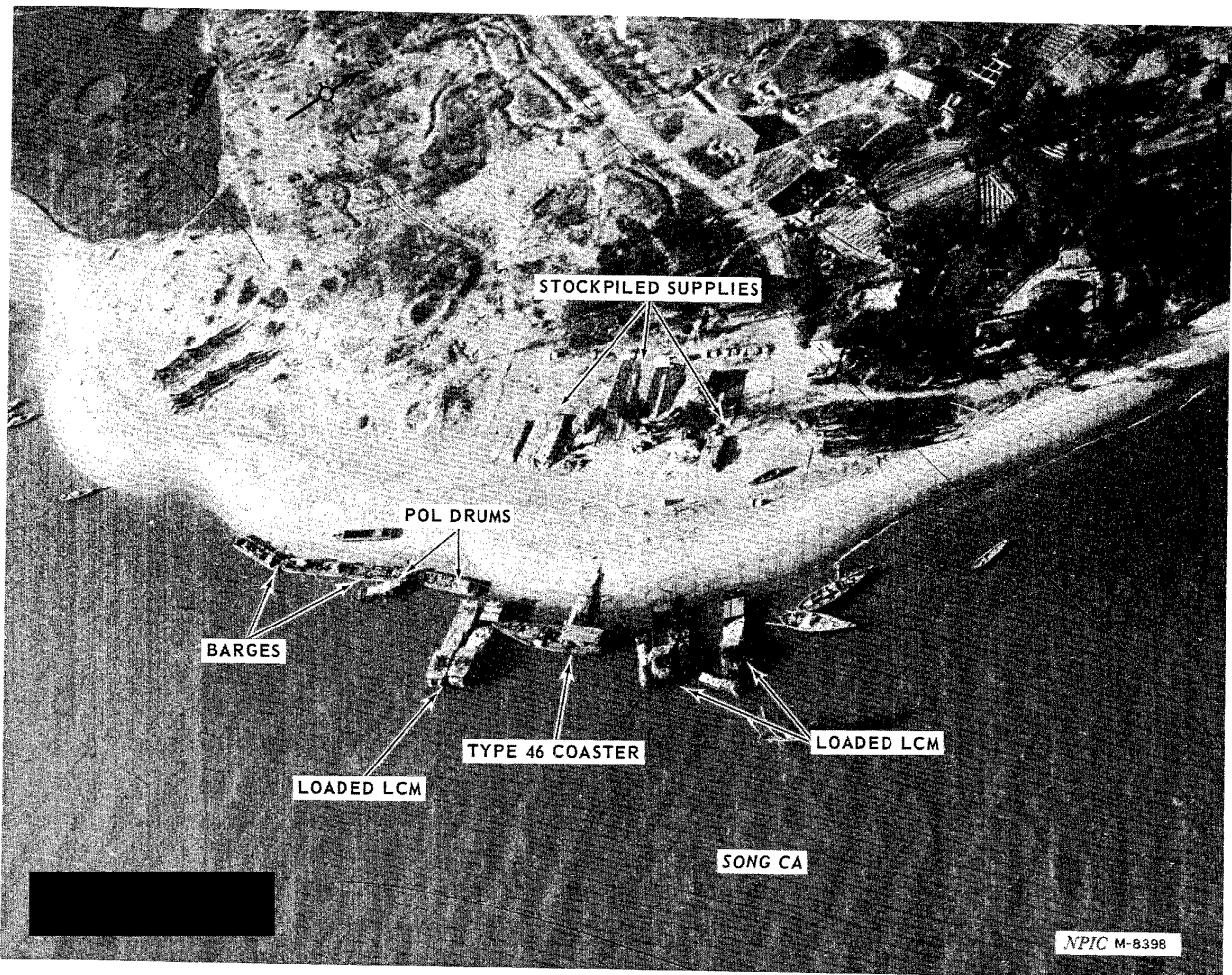


FIGURE 3. HAI YEN NAVAL BASE AND TRANSHIPMENT POINT, NORTH VIETNAM

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