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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Manufacturing and Services Division, ORR

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ATTENTION

THROUGH

Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM

: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT

: Highway Bridges, Selected Routes, North Vietnam

REFERENCES

(1) ORR Requirement No. C-RR4-81,813

(2) CIA/PID Project No. C 1504-64

1. This memorandum is in response to the above referenced requirement which concerns the highway bridge construction program of North Vietnam National Routes 7, 8, 12, and 1. Included within this memorandum is information pertaining to the location, type of construction, and approximate length of new highway bridges on the above referenced routes.

- 2. The photographic coverage utilized in satisfying this requirement disclosed new highway bridge construction on Routes 7, 12 and 1. Route 8 had no noticable new bridge construction. The following bridges are either new, under construction, or show signs of preliminary construction. An example of the latter category is the construction of a by-pass road loop around an existing bridge to service the main road whike a new bridge is built in place of the older bridge. Examples of these by-pass road loops are shown on photos CIA/PID/IB-P-1342/64, 1345/64, 1346/64, and P-1347/64 (Annotations 3, 6, 7, and 8). Bridges are referred to in the memorandum by place name and geographic coordinates (Reference: AMS Map Series 1509, Sheet NE 48-2/3/7/11/12, Edition 2-AMS, Scale 1:250,000). Provided with the memorandum are 7X enlargements of these bridges (CIA/PID/IB-P-1340/64 through P-1356/64) and an overlay depicting their locations (CIA/PID/IB-P-1357/64) (Reference: AMS Map Series 1301, Sheet NE 48, Scale 1:1,000,000). Mensuration, where possible, was performed by the analyst and are approximations only. Aerial photography was utilized to identify new bridges and confirm indications of new construction.
- 3. Bridge construction on Route 7 is concentrated along the Nam Mo (river) from Cua Rao, North Vietnam (19° 17'N 104° 26'E) to the Laotian provided the best coverage of this route and yielded the following information:

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a. A new highway bridge (approximate length 150') under construction near Ban Ang, North Vietnam (19° 15'N - 104° 24'E), replacing an older bridge at the same location. A by-pass road loop services the main road during construction. (CIA/PID/IB-P-1340/64, Annotation 1).

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- b. A deck-type highway bridge (approximate length 275') under construction in is now completed near Khe Kien, North Vietnam (19° 16'N 104° 21'E). (CIA/PID/IB-P-1341/64, Annotation 2).
- c. A by-pass road loop has been constructed around the decktype highway bridge (approximate length 125') near Ban Houei Cu, North Vietnam (19° 19'N 104° 20'E). (CIA/PID/IB-P-1342/64, Annotation 3).
- d. A new highway bridge under construction near Ban Ca Tang, North Vietnam (19 $^{\circ}$  20'N 10 $^{\downarrow}$ 0 18'E), replacing an older bridge at the same location. A by-pass road loop services the main road during construction. (CIA/PID/IB-P-13 $^{\downarrow}$ 3/6 $^{\downarrow}$ 4, Annotation  $^{\downarrow}$ 4).
- e. Deck-type highway bridge (approximate length 140') at ford near Ban Ca Nan, North Vietnam (19 $^{\circ}$ 21'N 104 $^{\circ}$ 17'E). (CIA/PID/IB-P-1344/64, Annotation 5).
- f. A by-pass road loop has been constructed around the deck-type highway bridges near:
  - (1) Ban Tone, North Vietnam (190 22'N 1040 15'E). Approximate bridge length 40'. (CIA/PID/IB-P-1345/64 Annotation 6).
  - (2) Ban Pieng Hom, North Vietnam (19° 22'N 104° 14'E) Approximate bridge length 90'. (CIA/PID/IB-P-1346/64, Annotation 7).
  - (3) Ban Houei Ti, North Vietnam (190 23'N 1040 11'E)
    Approximate bridge length 60'. (CIA/PID/IB-P-1347/64, Annotation 8).
- 4. No highway bridge construction activity was observed on Route 8.

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5. Highway bridge construction on Route 12 is concentrated between La Khe Thon, North Vietnam (18° 05'N - 105° 49'E) and the Laotian Border. The following information was obtained from

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a. Possible ford improvement or preliminary highway bridge construction near Loc Yen, North Vietnam (18° 11'N - 105° 43'E). (CTA/PID/IB-P-1348/64, Annotation 9).

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- b. Minor improvements to the concrete-deck highway bridge (approximate length 250') near La Khe Thon, North Vietnam (180 04'N  $105^{\circ}$  49'E). (CIA/PID/IB-P-1349/64, Annotation 10).
- c. The ford near Bai Due Thon, North Vietnam ( $18^{\circ}$  O3'N  $105^{\circ}$  50'E) has been replaced by a combination steel-truss rail and highway bridge (approximate length  $100^{\circ}$ ). (CIA/PID/IB-P-1350/64, Annotation 11).
- d. The ford near X. Ha, North Vietnam (17° 59'N 105° 51'E) has been replaced by a deck-type highway bridge (approximate length 210'). (CIA/PID/IB-P-1351/64, Annotation 12).
- e. A deck-type highway bridge (approximate length 175'), replaced the northern ford near Xom GI, North Vietnam (17° 58'N 105° 49'E). (CIA/PID/IB-P-1352/64, Annotation 13).
- f. The ford south of La Trong, North Vietnam (170 51'N 1050 48'E) is being replaced by a highway bridge. Unable to measure because it is in a preliminary stage of construction. (CIA/PID/IB-P-1353/64, Annotation 14).
- g. A highway bridge is replacing the ford near Don Bai Dinh, North Vietnam (17° 46'N 105° 47'E). Unable to measure because it is in a preliminary stage of construction. (CIA/PID/IB-P-1354/64, Annotation 15).
- 6. No highway bridge construction was observed on Route 1 from Dong Hoi. North Vietnam (17° 28'N 106° 38'E) to the border of South Vietnam.
- provided the following new highway bridge construction on Route 1 north of Dong Hoi, North Vietnam.
  - a. New highway bridge (approximate length 110') under construction near Kiem Tam, North Vietnam (19° 24'N 105° 45'E). (CIA/PID/IB-P-1355/64 Annotation 16).
  - b. New highway bridge (approximate length 130') under construction near Yen Hung, North Vietnam (18° 03'N 106° 20'E). (CIA/PID/IB-P-1356/64 Annotation 17).

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The photo analyst assigned to this requirement was who may be contacted on extension 2422 should any question arise concerning this memorandum. This memorandum, with enclosed enlargements and overlay, completes this requirement.

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## ENCLOSURES:

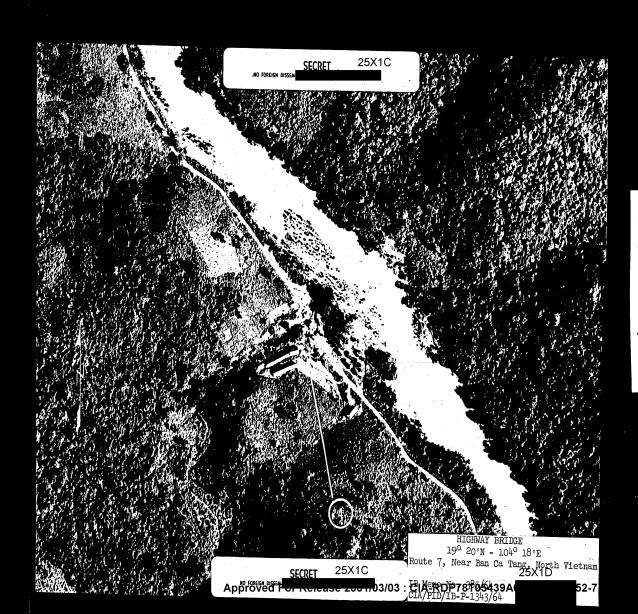
17 - Photo Enlargements

(CIA/PID/IB-P-1340/64 thru P-1356/64 1 - Overlay w/Map (CIA/PID/IB-P-1357/64)

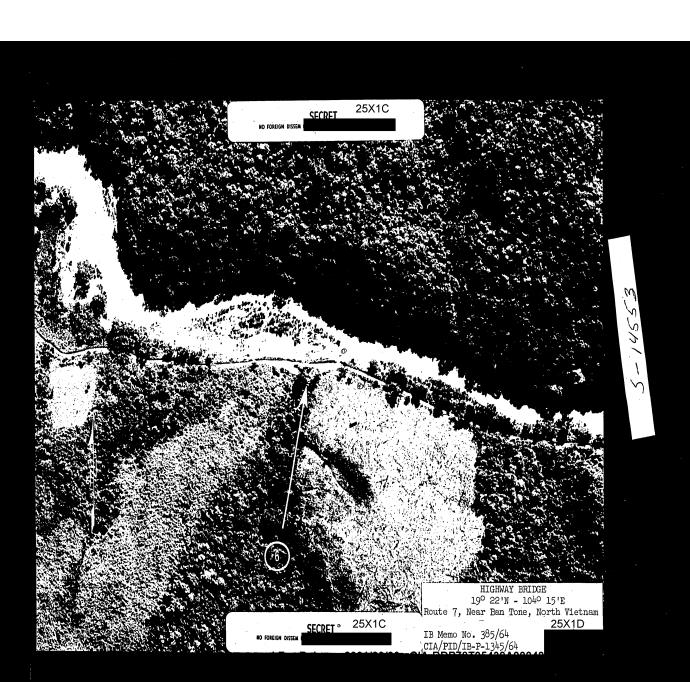
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