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REFERENCE:



KUN-MING/KUEI-YANG RAILROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION,  
CHINA

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

HIGH LEVEL OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ON THE  
KUN-MING/KUEI-YANG RAILROAD.

2. REMARKS:

WHEN COMPLETED, THIS RAIL LINE WILL CON-  
NECT YUN-NAN PROVINCE WITH THE REST OF CHINA'S  
RAIL NETWORK. THIS WILL ELIMINATE THE NECES-  
SITY OF SUPPLYING SOUTHWEST CHINA BY THE MORE  
VULNERABLE SOUTHERN ROUTE (SOUTHWEST FROM NAN-  
NING, CHINA, THROUGH NORTH VIETNAM TO HA NOI,  
AND THEN NORTHWEST TO KUN-MING). MOREOVER,  
CHINA'S CAPABILITY FOR DELIVERING GOODS TO  
NORTH VIETNAM WILL BE INCREASED, SHIPPING  
BY RAIL VIA KUN-MING AS WELL AS VIA NAN-NING.

CONSTRUCTION OF THIS RAIL LINE WAS STARTED  
DURING 1959, BUT WAS STOPPED OR SLOWED DURING  
1960-1962. KH PHOTOGRAPHY OF AUG, NOV, AND  
DEC 65 REVEALED THAT IT WAS ACTIVELY UNDER CON-

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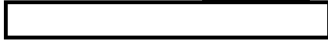
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STRUCTION. AS OF (THE LAST  
COVERAGE PRIOR TO THE RAIL-  
ROAD WAS COMPLETE FROM KUN-MING NORTHEASTWARD  
FOR APPROXIMATELY 135 NM AND FROM KUEI-YANG  
SOUTHWESTWARD FOR APPROXIMATELY 70 NM.

3. LOCATION:

COMPLETED RAIL LINE WILL EXTEND FROM KUN-MING  
(2504N - 10241E) TO KUEI-YANG (2635N - 10642E),  
A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 300 NM.



5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:



6. NEGATION DATE:

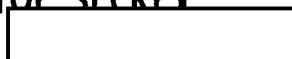
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7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE:

11 KH-4, AT LEAST ONE ONE TALENT, AND ONE  
BLUE SPRINGS MISSIONS.

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8. DIMENSIONS/  
SPECIFICATIONS:

NONE


9. MISSION READOUT:



REVEALS CONSTRUCTION ON THE

KUN-MING/KUEI-YANG RAIL LINE TO BE VERY ACTIVE, WITH NUMEROUS CONSTRUCTION CAMPS AND SMALL QUARRIES AND PITS (FOR BALLAST) OBSERVED ALONG THE ROUTE.

THE LINE APPEARS TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL FROM KUN-MING TO 2634N - 10425E. FROM THIS POINT TO THE SOUTHWESTERN END OF THE TUNNEL COMPLEX (2640N - 10436E) GRADING APPEARS TO BE NEAR COMPLETION; EXTENSIVE TUNNELLING IS UNDERWAY; AND AT LEAST 4 SETS OF BRIDGE PIERS ARE AS YET UNDECKED.

FROM KUEI-YANG THE LINE IS FULLY OPERATIONAL TO 2613N - 10521E. IT IS POSSIBLY OPERATIONAL TO APPROXIMATELY 7 NM SOUTHEAST OF SHUI-CHENG AT 2633N - 10457E WHERE POSSIBLE ROLLING STOCK IS OBSERVED. FROM THIS POINT TO THE NORTHEASTERN END OF  (2643N - 10438E), GRADING APPEARS TO BE NEAR COMPLETION AND AT LEAST 11 SETS OF BRIDGE PIERS ARE AS YET UNDECKED.

10. SUBSEQUENT PHOTOGRAPHY: CIA/IAD OUT CABLE 58138, APR 2, 66: "ANALYSIS



REVEALS CONTINUED RAPID CONSTRUCTION ON

THIS RAIL LINE. ON THE KUN-MING SIDE, THE LINE IS NOW POSSIBLY COMPLETE FROM KUN-MING NORTHEASTWARD TO 2640N - 10438E, APPROXIMATELY 17 NM NORTH-

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WEST OF SHUI-CHENG. ...

THE VISIBLE BRIDGES ALONG THIS SECTION HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND A POSSIBLE WORK TRAIN WAS OBSERVED AT 2640N - 10438E ....

AT THE WESTERN END OF THE TUNNEL COMPLEX BRIDGE PIERS WITH DECKING ARE VISIBLE ...."

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REVEALS (ON POOR QUALITY PHOTOGRAPHY) THAT

ADDITIONAL BRIDGE PIERS HAVE BEEN DECKED IN THE SHUI-CHENG AREA.

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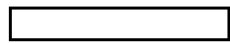
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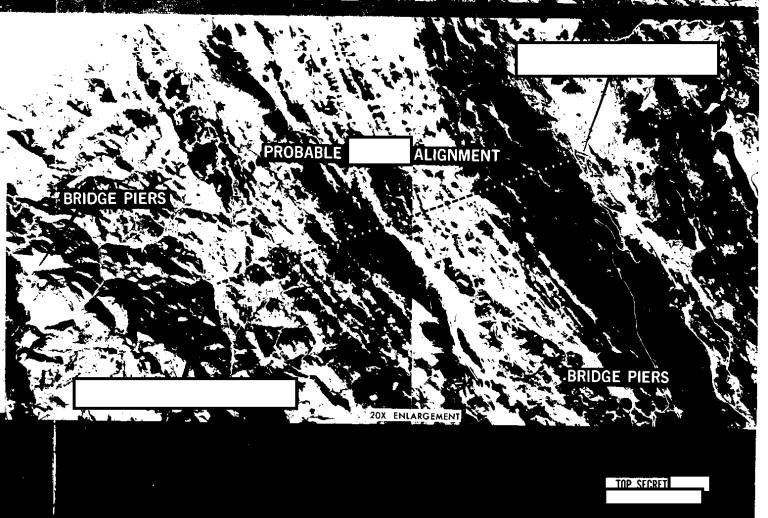
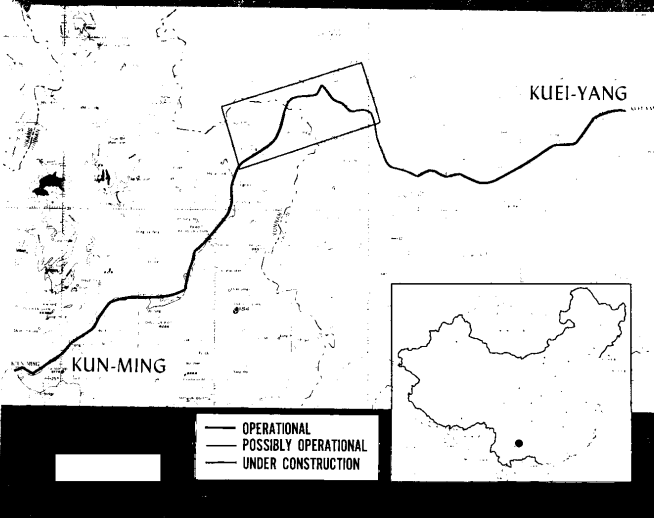
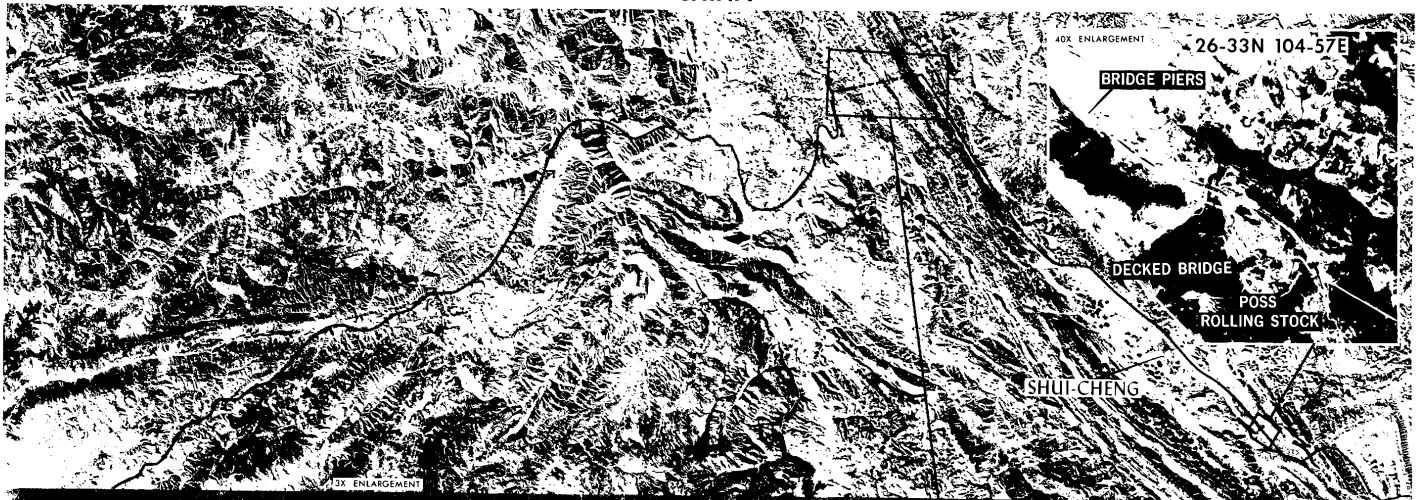
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