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REFERENCE:



RAIL ACTIVITY  
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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

FOUR IMPORTANT BRIDGES, TWO ON THE RAIL LINE EXTENDING FROM KEP TO PING-HSIANG, CHINA AND TWO ON THE RAIL LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM KEP TOWARD THAI NGUYEN, ARE OBSERVED. THREE OF THESE BRIDGES ARE PROBABLY SERVICEABLE.

2. LOCATION:

THE BRIDGES ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

- A. THE BRIDGE OVER THE KINH KEP (CANAL) AT 2125N- 10616E IS 1.5 NM NW OF KEP ON THE KEP/THAI NGUYEN RAIL LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.
- B. THE BRIDGE OVER THE SONG THUONG (RIVER) AT 2127N - 10614E IS 4.5 NM NW OF KEP ON THE KEP/THAI NGUYEN RAIL LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.
- C. THE CAO NUNG BRIDGE OVER THE SONG HOA (RIVER) AT 2133N - 10629E IS 1 NM SW OF CAO NUNG AND 15.5 NM NE OF KEP ON THE KEP/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE.

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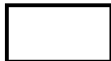
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D. A BY-PASS BRIDGE IS APPROXIMATELY 200 YARDS NW OF THE CAO NUNG BRIDGE.

3. BACKGROUND:

LOW ALTITUDE PHOTOGRAPHY OF  REVEALED BOTH BRIDGES ON THE KEP/THAI NGUYEN RAIL LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO BE WITHOUT SPANS AND THEREFORE UNSERVICEABLE. THIS PHOTOGRAPHY ALSO REVEALED BOTH THE CAO NUNG BRIDGE AND ITS BY-PASS BRIDGE TO BE UNSERVICEABLE.

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4. MISSION READOUT:

SPANS ARE IN PLACE ON THE BRIDGE OVER THE KINH KEP (CANAL) AND ON THE BRIDGE OVER THE SONG THUONG (RIVER). THE BRIDGES ARE PROBABLY SERVICEABLE. SCALE PRECLUDES IDENTIFICATION OF THE RAILHEAD AND ROLLING STOCK. SPANS ARE OBSERVED IN PLACE ON THE BY-PASS BRIDGE AROUND THE DESTROYED CAO NUNG BRIDGE OVER THE SONG HOA (RIVER). THE BY-PASS BRIDGE IS PROBABLY SERVICEABLE.



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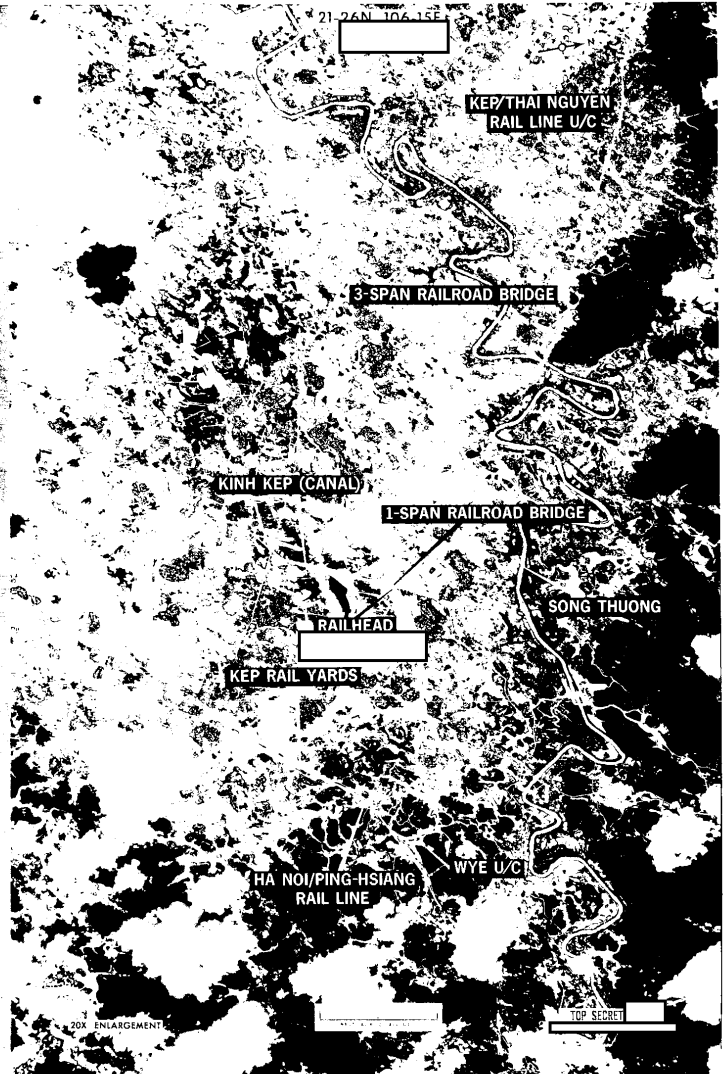
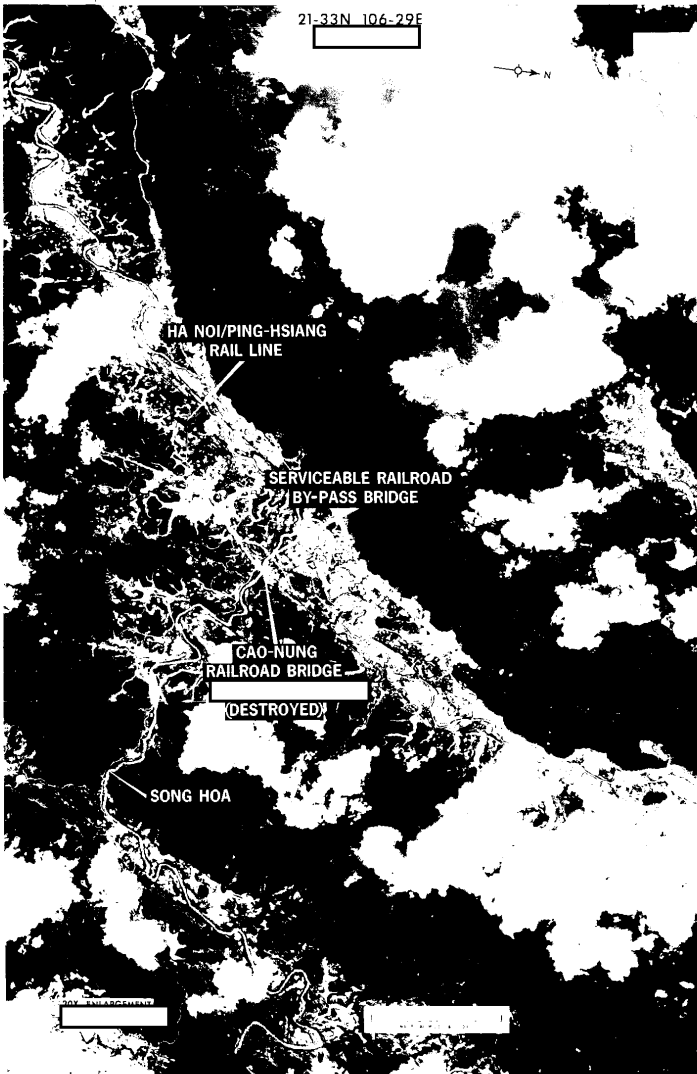
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