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AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION
YEN BAI AREA, NORTH VIETNAM
2143N 10451E

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS AN AIRFIELD, PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO BE A SUSPECT AIRFIELD, TO BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR YEN BAI, NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

THE AIRFIELD IS LOCATED 1.7 NM NORTHWEST OF YEN BAI.

3. BACKGROUND:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF THIS AREA IN LATE [Redacted] REVEALED ONLY ISOLATED AREA^{25X1} OF DWELLINGS AND RICE PADDIES ALONG THE HIGHWAY PARALLEL TO THE HA NOI-LAO CAI RAIL LINE, AND IN SEVERAL AREAS IN THE VALLEYS BETWEEN THE KARST HILLS NORTH OF THE RED RIVER. THREE ROAD SEGMENTS, LEADING FROM THE MAIN UNNUMBERED ROAD, APPEARED TO BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF LATE [Redacted] REVEALED AN AREA OF UNIDENTIFIED^{25X1} CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY 2.3 NM NORTHWEST OF YEN BAI. GROUND SCARRING INDICATED THAT EXTENSIVE EARTH MOVING ACTIVITY WAS TAKING PLACE. ONE LARGE AND SEVERAL MINOR DRAINAGE CANALS HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED ADJACENT TO THE AREA OF THE EARTH MOVING ACTIVITY. A PARTIALLY COMPLETED EXTENSIVE ROAD NETWORK WITH CONNECTING LINKS TO NUMEROUS NEW STORAGE AREAS WAS OBSERVED. A LARGE AREA OF WIDELY DISPERSED STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS AT THE BASE OF THE KARST HILLS WAS NOTED.

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VEHICLES AND PIECES OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT WERE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF LATE [Redacted] REVEALED THE PREVIOUSLY UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY TO BE A SUSPECT AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE SUSPECT AIRFIELD CONSISTED OF AN APPROXIMATELY 6600 FT. X 600 FT. AREA OF EARTH MOVING ACTIVITY ORIENTED IN A NORTHWEST/SOUTHEAST DIRECTION. THE KARST HILLS IN THIS AREA WERE BEING LEVELED BY BULLDOZERS. THE MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM THIS OPERATION WAS USED TO FILL IN THE VALLEYS BETWEEN THE HILLS AND TO BUILD NEW ROADS IN THE AREA. NUMEROUS PIECES OF UNIDENTIFIED EQUIPMENT WERE OBSERVED.

4. COLLATERAL/COMINT:

[Large Redacted Area]

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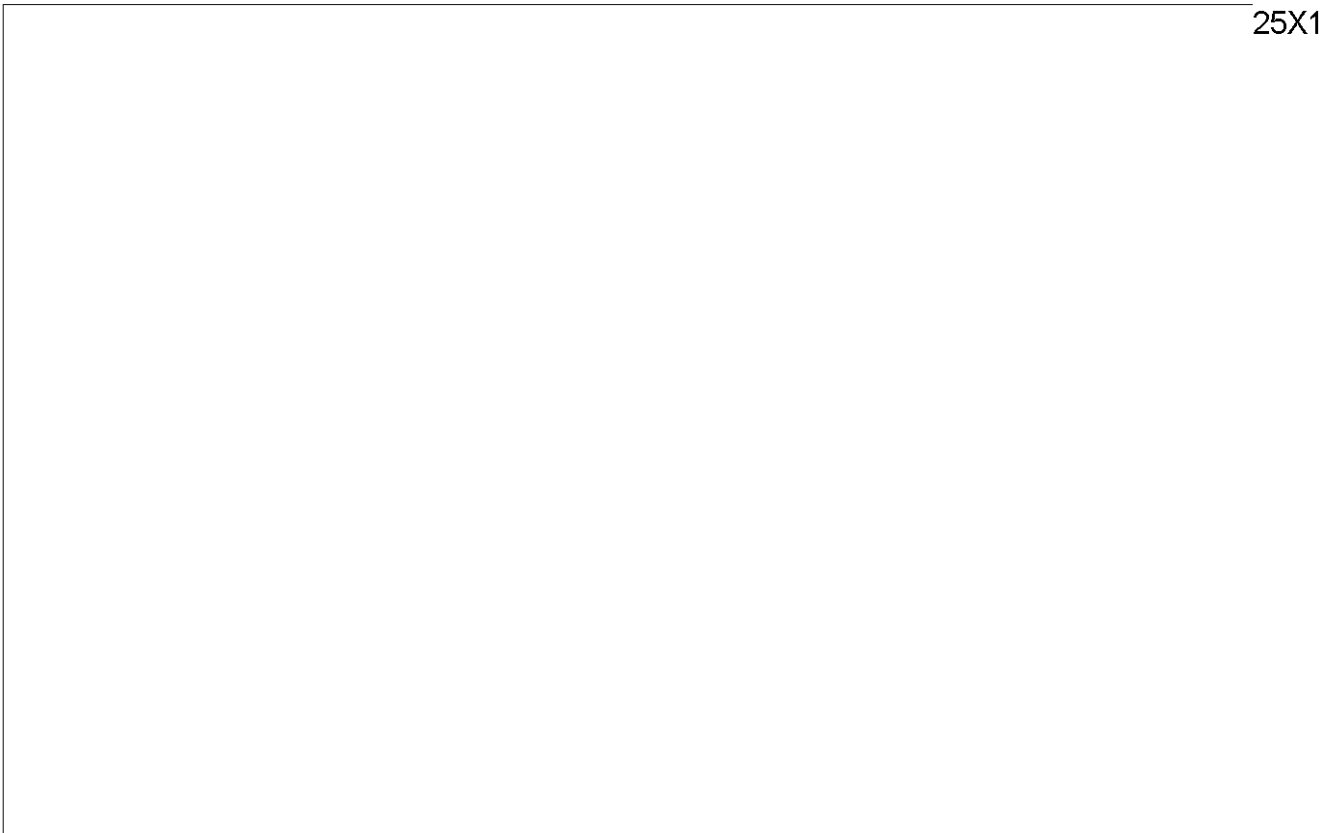
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5. MISSION READOUT:

UE 431E/1, 02 JUNE 1966, REVEALS CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ON AN AIRFIELD NEAR YEN BAI. CONSTRUCTION ON THE RUNWAY BASE IS PROGRESSING AT AN INCREASED RATE. GRADING AND LEVELING HAVE EXTENDED THE AIRFIELD AREA TO APPROXIMATELY 10,500 FT. X 950 FT. ORIENTED IN A NORTHWEST/SOUTHEAST DIRECTION AND INCLUDES ROADS AT BOTH ENDS OF THE RUNWAY.

AT LEAST EIGHTY PIECES OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, SOME OF WHICH ARE TRACK-MOUNTED AND/OR CANVAS-COVERED AND SOME THAT ARE IN REVENEMENTS, ARE OBSERVED.

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A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ROAD NETWORK IN THE AREA IS OBSERVED TO BE IN LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. SEVERAL NEW ROADS AND NEW STORAGE AREAS ARE NOTED NORTHEAST OF THE RUNWAY. NEW HOUSING, OPEN STORAGE, AND POL DRUM STORAGE AREAS ARE ALSO OBSERVED. APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED SINCE  THE STORAGE AREA AND ADJA25X1 CENT PARKING AREA ARE LOCATED NORTHEAST OF THE RUNWAY. (NOT ALL SHOWN ON GRAPHIC).

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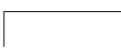
DEFENSIVE POSITIONS CONSIST OF THIRTEEN OCCUPIED LIGHT AAA SITES (FORTY-THREE POSITIONS PROBABLY OCCUPIED AND FIVE POSITIONS UNOCCUPIED) AND AT LEAST TWENTY-TWO UNOCCUPIED LIGHT AAA SITES. NUMEROUS TRENCHES, FOXHOLES, AND AW POSITIONS ARE OBSERVED.



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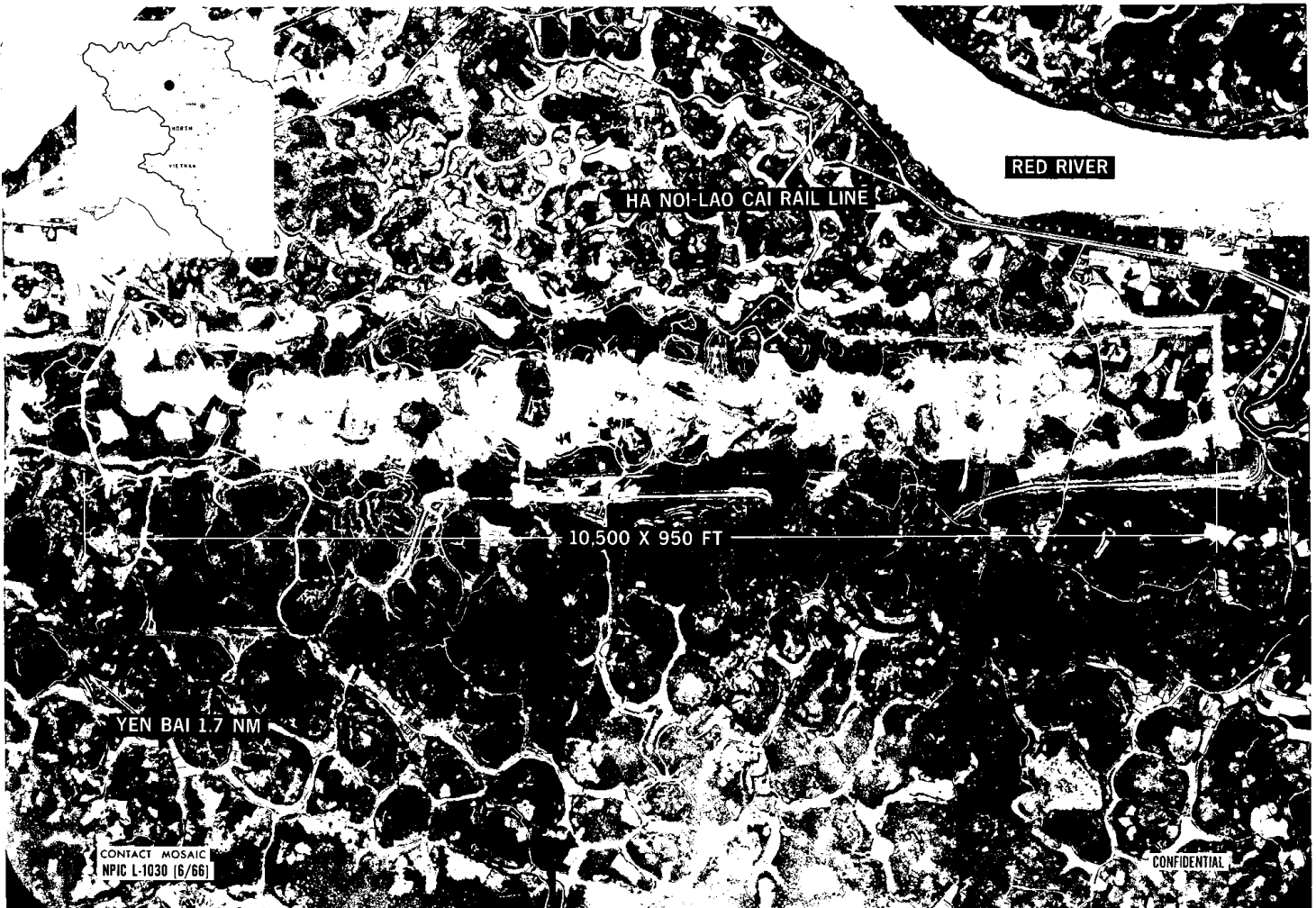
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