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RAIL FERRY CROSSING RECONSTRUCTION
THANH HOA, NORTH VIETNAM
1950N 10548E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A RAIL FERRY
CROSSING AT THE SITE OF THE DESTROYED THANH HOA RAILROAD FERRY AND
TERMINAL FACILITIES HAM RONG [REDACTED]

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2. LOCATION:

THE FERRY SLIPS ARE LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST BANK OF THE SONG
MA (RIVER) JUST SOUTHEAST OF THE THANH HOA RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE
OVER THE SONG MA [REDACTED]

3. REMARKS:

THE THANH HOA AREA OF NORTH VIETNAM, AND PARTICULARLY THE AREA OF
THE RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE, HAS BEEN THE OBJECT OF REPEATED U.S.
AIR STRIKES, RESULTING IN THE DESTRUCTION OF BOTH THE BRIDGE AND THE
FERRY FACILITIES. THE RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE HAS SINCE BEEN
REPAIRED AND IS SERVICEABLE; AND WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FERRY
FACILITIES AN ALTERNATE RAIL CROSSING WILL AGAIN BE AVAILABLE OVER
THE SONG MA.

4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS TWO RAIL FERRY SLIPS LOCATED ON
THE NORTHEAST BANK OF THE SONG MA. ONE SLIP, AT UTM WG837931, APPEARS

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COMPLETE. APPROXIMATELY 445 FEET OF TRACK EXTENDS FROM THE SLIP TOWARD A THREE-TRACK RAIL YARD LEADING FROM THE MAIN LINE OF THE HA NOI/THANH HOA RAIL LINE AT UTM WG842938 SOUTH-SOUTHWEST TO AN AREA OF OPEN STORAGE AT UTM WG840932. THE OPEN STORAGE AREA CONTAINS RAILS, TIES, AND MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL. A SECOND RAIL FERRY SLIP, AT UTM WG838930, IS IN AN EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION. APPROXIMATELY 185 FEET OF TIES WITHOUT RAIL HAVE BEEN LAID FROM THE FERRY SLIP TOWARD THE RAIL YARD. TWO PILE DRIVERS ARE LOCATED AT THE SLIP SITE AND SEVERAL PILES HAVE BEEN EMPLACED.

AT LEAST SIXTY PIECES OF ROLLING STOCK AND ONE STEAM LOCOMOTIVE ARE NOTED IN THE RAIL YARD.

NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC: TWO RAIL FERRY SLIPS ARE LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST BANK OF THE SONG MA. ONE SLIP, AT UTM WG836927, IS PROBABLY COMPLETE. THE SECOND FERRY SLIP, AT UTM WG835929, IS IN AN EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION. SOME PILING AND ONE PILE DRIVER ARE NOTED IN THE RIVER AT THE SLIP SITE. NO RAIL OR TIES ARE OBSERVED ON THE APPROACHES OF EITHER FERRY SLIP; HOWEVER, STACKS OF TIES ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA.



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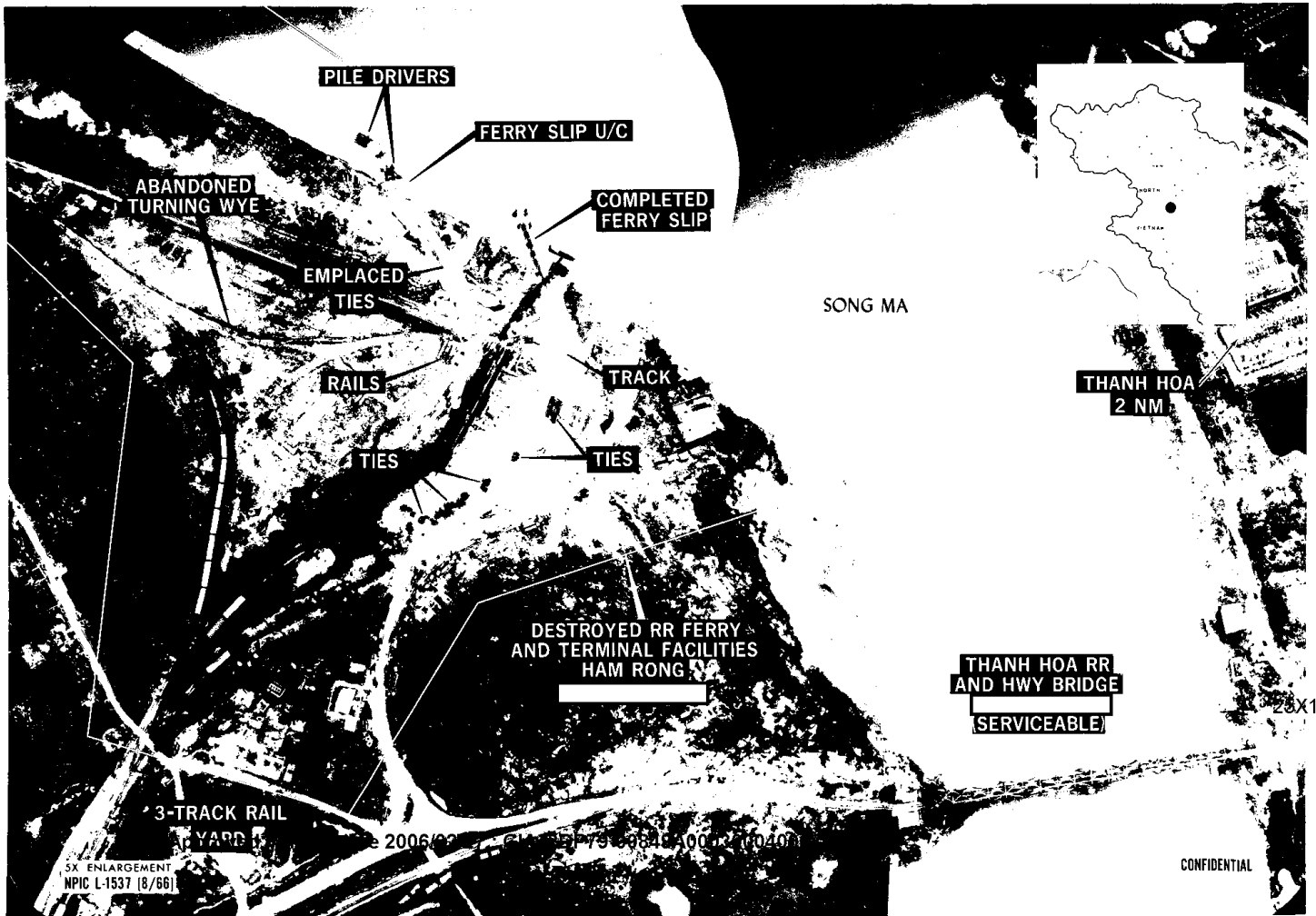
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