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NEW ACTIVITY ON ROUTE 108
RON AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS NEW AND CONTINUING ACTIVITY ALONG ROUTE 108 IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

ROUTE 108 IS OBSERVED FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 1A AT 1751N 10626E TO THE LIMIT TO PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT 1759N 10612E.

3. MISSION READOUT:

5X1 REVEALS ROUTE 108 TO BE SERVICEABLE THE ENTIRE LENGTH OBSERVED.

TWO OCCUPIED FOUR-POSITION LIGHT AAA SITES ARE OBSERVED. ONE IS LOCATED AT 1759N 10612E (UTM XE282896), AND ONE AT 1757N 10616E (UTM XE356854) WHICH IS NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC. ALL POSITIONS ARE CANVAS-COVERED, AND A TOTAL OF FIVE CAMOUFLAGED TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY OF THE TWO SITES. (INSET 1)

MULTIPLE STREAM CROSSINGS ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED IN THE VICINITY OF 1751N 10623E (UTM XE465744). OBSERVED ON ROUTE 108 IS A SERVICEABLE CAUSEWAY AND CULVERT. A BY-PASS ROAD WITH NO FACILITIES FOR CROSSING THE STREAM HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS SOUTH OF THE ROAD, AND A BY-PASS IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION APPROXIMATELY 300 METERS TO

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THE SOUTH. A PORTION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINE IS ALSO OBSERVED IN THE AREA. (INSET 2)

ALSO OBSERVED IS NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION EXTENDING SOUTHEAST FROM ROUTE 108 AT 1750N 10623E (UTM XE474734 TO UTM XE476732) AND A SURVEY LINE CONTINUING FROM THAT POINT TO UTM XE479731. (INSET 3)

AN ACTIVE TRUCK PARK IS OBSERVED ADJACENT TO ROUTE 108 AT 1754N 10620E (UTM XE415803). (INSET 4)

ALSO OBSERVED IN THIS AREA, BUT NOT SHOWN ON THE GRAPHIC, ARE SIX HEAVILY CAMOUFLAGED TRUCKS ON ROUTE 108 BETWEEN 1757N 10615E AND 1754N 10619E, AND A POSSIBLY ABANDONED TRUCK PARK AT 1753N 10621E (UTM XE432786).



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