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RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION AND ASSOCIATED CRANE  
KEP/THAI NGUYEN RAIL LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
NORTH VIETNAM

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT ALONG A NEW ADDITION TO THE KAP/THAI NGUYEN RAIL LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

2. BACKGROUND:

RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OBSERVED BETWEEN THAI NGUYEN AND KEP. THIS RAIL LINE IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND CONNECTS WITH THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE 1.8 NM NORTHEAST OF KEP AT 2125N 10618E. STANDARD-GAUGE TRACK WAS FIRST OBSERVED ON THE KEP/THAI NGUYEN RAIL LINE IN APRIL 1966 FROM ITS TURNOUT FROM THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG LINE AT 2125N 10618E WEST FOR 0.5 NM.

IN JULY 1966 STANDARD-GAUGE TRACK WAS OBSERVED FROM ITS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TERMINUS AT 2125N 10618E (UTM XJ345700) TO A BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT 2125N 10616E (UTM XJ316702), A TOTAL DISTANCE OF 2.2 NM. STANDARD-GAUGE GONDOLA CARS, RAIL CARS, AND AN ENGINE WERE NOTED IN A THREE-TRACK RAIL YARD AT THE RAILHEAD. THIS IDENTIFICATION OF STANDARD-GAUGE RAIL CARS IN NORTH VIETNAM INDICATES THAT DUAL-GAUGE TRACK ON THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE PROBABLY EXTENDS NORTHEAST TO CHINA, BUT THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN PHOTOGRAPHICALLY CONFIRMED.

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DUAL-GAUGE TRACK HAS BEEN OBSERVED ON THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE AS FAR NORTH AS THANH MOI AT 2137N 10633E, AND AS FAR SOUTH AS THE KEP RAILROAD YARD AT 2124N 10617E.

X1 3. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS A HEAVY-DUTY RAIL CAR-MOUNTED CANTILEVER CRANE APPROXIMATELY 110 FEET IN LENGTH LOCATED ON A SHORT RAIL SPUR AT 2127N 10614E (UTM XJ283726) IMMEDIATELY SOUTHEAST OF A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED RAIL BRIDGE OVER THE SONG THUONG (RIVER). THE RAIL BRIDGE IS A SERVICEABLE FOUR-SPAN TYPE AND IS LOCATED AT UTM XJ281726.

THE RAILHEAD IS NOW LOCATED AT 2127N 10613E (UTM XJ263735), 3.4 NM NORTHWEST OF THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED RAIL TERMINUS AT 2125N 10616E (UTM XJ316702). STACKS OF RAILS ARE NOTED NEAR THE RAILHEAD.

A RAILROAD OVERPASS IS ALSO OBSERVED OVER AN UNNUMBERED ROAD AT UTM XJ265735.

X1 4. REMARKS:

THE PHOTOGRAPHY ON THE GRAPHIC OF A RAIL-MOUNTED CANTILEVER CRANE IS OF A SIMILAR TYPE SEEN IN HO-KOU, KAN-SU PROVINCE, CHINA IN 1959. THE BRIDGE IS OVER THE YELLOW RIVER ON THE LAN-CHOU-CHING-HAI RAILROAD LINE AND IS 240 METERS LONG.

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ALL UTM COORDINATES ARE TAKEN FROM AMS SERIES L7012, SHEETS 6275 II AND III.

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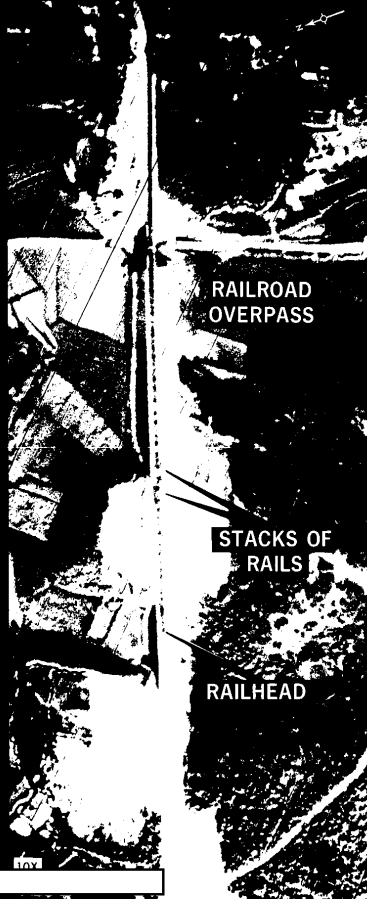
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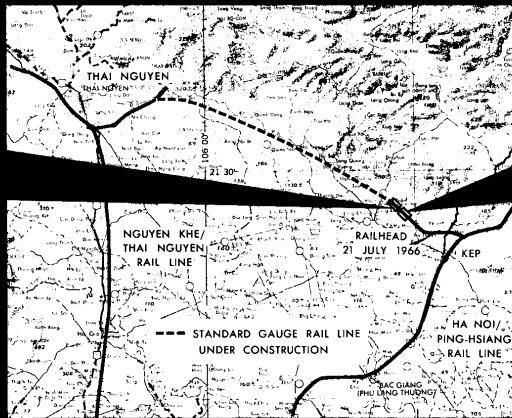


RAILROAD  
OVERPASS

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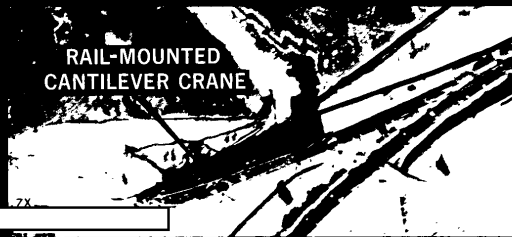
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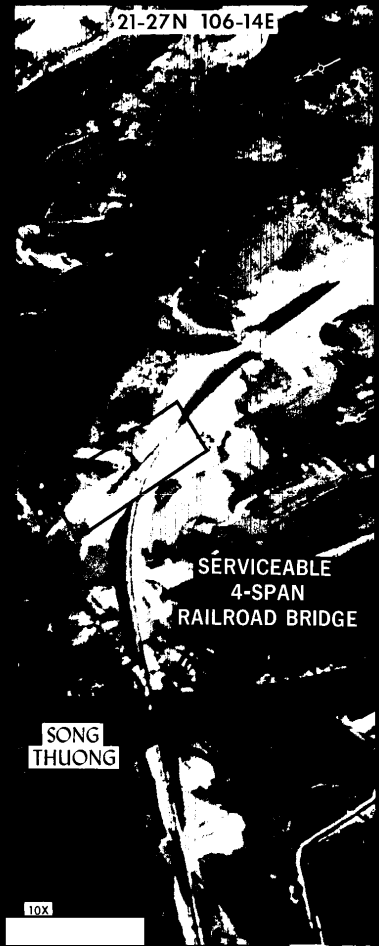


RAIL-MOUNTED  
CANTILEVER CRANE



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SERVICEABLE  
4-SPAN  
RAILROAD BRIDGE

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