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RAILROAD FERRY CROSSING
VIET TRI, NORTH VIETNAM
2117N 10526E

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD L-1104 FOR COMPARISON)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A NEWLY IDENTIFIED RAIL FERRY CROSSING OVER THE SONG LO (RIVER) AT VIET TRI, JUST WEST OF THE DESTROYED VIET TRI RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE [REDACTED]

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2. BACKGROUND:

THE VIET TRI RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY THIRTY NM NORTHWEST OF HA NOI, ACCOMMODATES THE PRINCIPAL HIGHWAY (ROUTE 2) AND THE ONLY RAIL ROUTE BETWEEN HA NOI/HAI PHONG AND YUNNAN PROVINCE IN SOUTH CHINA. WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF THIS BRIDGE BY U.S. AIR STRIKES IN JUNE 1966 (THREE SPANS DESTROYED, ONE SPAN SEVERELY DAMAGED), THROUGH RAIL TRAFFIC BETWEEN LAO CAI AND THE HA NOI/HAI PHONG COMPLEX WAS STOPPED.

3. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS ONE COMPLETED RAIL SPUR AND FOUR RAIL SPURS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE VICINITY OF THE DESTROYED RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE AT VIET TRI.

RAIL SPUR (1): A COMPLETED RAIL SPUR EXTENDS SOUTH THEN EAST FROM THE MAIN HA NOI/LAO CAI RAIL LINE AT UTM WJ457551, PARALLELING THE NORTH BANK OF THE RIVER, AND TERMINATING AT UTM WJ464551.

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RAIL SPURS (2) AND (3): FLOOD WATERS HAVE TEMPORARILY INTERRUPTED CONSTRUCTION ON TWO RAIL SPURS WHICH EXTEND SOUTH FROM THE MAIN LINE AT THE SAME POINT AS SPUR (1) AND TERMINATE ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE RIVER AT UTM WJ458549 AND UTM WJ459549.

RAIL SPUR (4): ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE SONG LO (RIVER) ANOTHER RAIL SPUR UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS INUNDATED. THIS SPUR EXTENDS WEST THEN NORTHWEST FROM THE MAIN LINE AT UTM WJ475541 TO THE SOUTH BANK OF THE RIVER AT UTM WJ461547.

RAIL SPUR (5): A FIFTH RAIL SPUR IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION WHICH EXTENDS NORTHWEST FROM THE MAIN LINE AT THE SAME POINT AS SPUR (4), GENERALLY PARALLELS THE MAIN LINE TO UTM WJ466549 WHERE IT IS INTERMITTENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION WEST-SOUTHWEST TO ITS TERMINUS AT UTM WJ462548. TRACK HAS BEEN LAID FROM THE MAIN LINE TO UTM WJ486547.

PONTOON HIGHWAY BRIDGE SECTIONS ARE OBSERVED ON BOTH BANKS OF THE RIVER, WEST OF THE DESTROYED RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE.

X1  REVEALS THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS TO THE RAIL NETWORK AT VIET TRI:

A SHORT RAIL SPUR EXTENDS WEST FROM SPUR (1) AT UTM WJ463551 TO A SERVICEABLE FERRY SLIP ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE RIVER AT UTM WJ462550. RAIL SPUR (1) IS UNDERGOING REALIGNMENT IN THE VICINITY OF UTM WJ460550.

RAIL SPURS (2) AND (3) REMAIN INUNDATED. CONSTRUCTION HAS RESUMED ON SPUR (4). A REALIGNMENT NEAR THE TERMINUS OF RAIL SPUR (5) EXTENDS

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TO A SERVICEABLE RAIL FERRY SLIP ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE RIVER.

TWO POSSIBLE TRAMWAY CABLE ANCHORAGES ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE SOUTH APPROACH OF THE DESTROYED RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE.

A PONTOON BRIDGE IS LOCATED WEST OF THE DESTROYED BRIDGE WHERE PONTOON SECTIONS WERE OBSERVED ON THE JULY PHOTOGRAPHY. TWO TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED ON THE ROAD IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE BRIDGE.

4. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF  (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC),

REVEALS THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

TRACK HAS APPARENTLY BEEN LAID ON THE SECTION OF REALIGNMENT OF RAIL SPUR (1).

SPUR (2), WHILE STILL PARTIALLY FLOODED, HAS A SECTION OF EMPLACED TIES. A PROBABLE PILE DRIVER, CONSTRUCTING WHAT WILL PROBABLY BE ANOTHER RAIL FERRY SLIP, IS OBSERVED NEAR THE TERMINUS OF THIS SPUR. RAIL SPUR (3) REMAINS UNDER WATER.

TRACK IS OBSERVED ON SPUR (4) FROM THE SOUTH BANK OF THE RIVER AT UTM WJ462547 TO THE LIMIT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT UTM WJ468542.

SPUR (5) IS COMPLETE AND OPERATIONAL.



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