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INCREASED INFILTRATION ACTIVITY
SE BANG HIENG (RIVER) VALLEY, LAOS

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD K-6760 FOR COMPARISON)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS AN INCREASE IN INFILTRATION ACTIVITY
ALONG THE LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER.

2. REMARKS:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF [Redacted] REVEALED AN INFILTRATION TRAIL
IN THE VALLEY OF THE SE BANG HIENG. THIS TRAIL ACTIVITY (GENERALLY
PARALLELING AN EXISTING FOOT TRAIL) EXTENDED FROM THE TERMINUS OF
NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 103, THROUGH THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE, TO SEPONE,
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3. MISSION READOUT:

[Redacted] REVEALS INCREASED
INFILTRATION ACTIVITY IN THE SE BANG HIENG VALLEY, APPROXIMATELY
TWENTY NM NORTHEAST OF SEPONE, CONSISTING OF NEW BRIDGES, CAMPS,
WATER-BORNE INFILTRATION, AND GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INFILTRATION
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A. WATER-BORNE INFILTRATION LOCATED 4.7 NM WEST OF BAN TRIM
ALONG THE SE BANG HIENG AT 1653N 10626E CONSISTS OF AT LEAST THIRTEEN
CANOES (NOT ALL SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) SIMILAR IN SIZE AND SHAPE TO
SUSPECT INSURGENT CANOES ON THE SE KONG (RIVER), LAOS, DEPICTED ON
NPIC BRIEFING BOARD K-0386.

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B. A SUSPECT REST AREA LOCATED FOUR NM WEST OF BAN TRIM AT 1654N 10627E CONSISTS OF TWO PARTIALLY CAMOUFLAGED HUTS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE INFILTRATION TRAIL. A FOOTBRIDGE, APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] IS OBSERVED NEARBY. A BOMB CRATER ON THE TRAIL HAS BEEN FILLED IN AND NUMEROUS OTHER BOMB CRATERS ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

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C. A SUSPECT BIVOUAC AREA LOCATED 3.8 NM WEST-SOUTHWEST OF BAN TRIM AT 1653N 10628E CONSISTS OF A LONG TRENCH AND AT LEAST TWENTY PROBABLE PERSONNEL. TREE CANOPY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

D. A SUSPECT INSURGENT CAMP LOCATED 2.1 NM WEST-SOUTHWEST OF BAN TRIM AT 1653N 10629E CONSISTS OF AT LEAST SIX DISPERSED HUTS/ BUILDINGS OBSERVED THROUGH HEAVY TREE CANOPY.

E. A NEW FORD OVER THE HOUEI CO BAI (RIVER) IS LOCATED IMMEDIATELY WEST OF BAN TRIM AT 1653N 10631E.

F. A FORTIFIED VILLAGE LOCATED 1.8 NM WEST-SOUTHWEST OF BAN TRIM AT 1652N 10629E CONSISTS OF FIFTEEN BUILDINGS DEFENDED BY A TRENCH AND FIRING POSITIONS.

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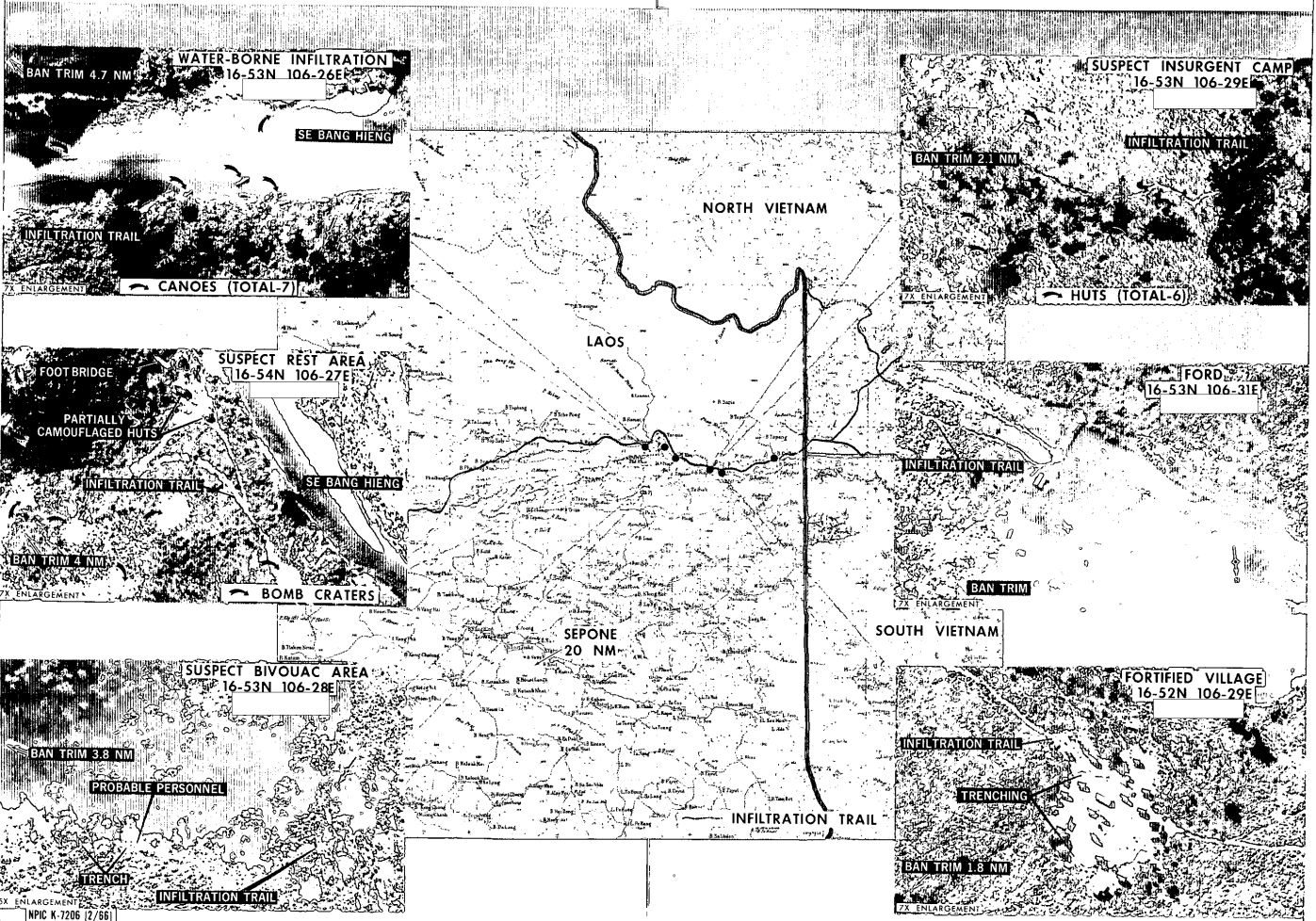
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