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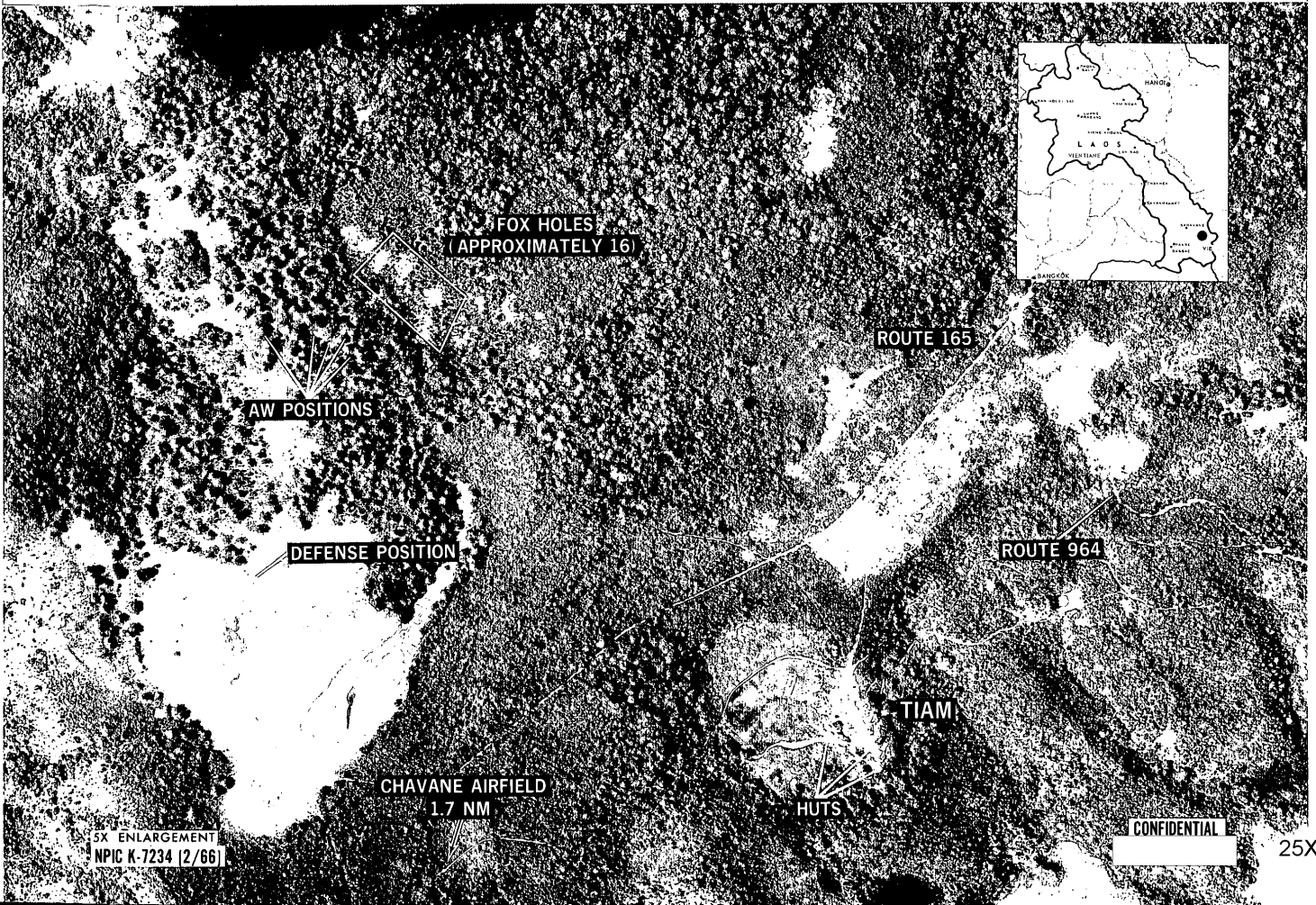


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POSSIBLE MILITARY TRAINING AREA
CHAVANE AREA, LAOS
1520N 10702E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A POSSIBLE TRAINING AREA LOCATED NEAR A MAJOR INFILTRATION ROUTE.

2. REMARKS:

THE CHAVANE AREA OF LAOS IS THE LOCATION OF THE JUNCTION OF ROUTES 964 AND 165 WHICH FORM A MAJOR SEGMENT OF THE INFILTRATION ROUTE THROUGH THE LAOTIAN ROAD NET TO SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL INFORMATION DATED 15 JANUARY 1966 REPORTS A PATHET LAO DEFECTOR WAS IN THE CHAVANE AREA IN MID-DECEMBER 1965 FOR THE COMPLETION OF A THREE-MONTH BASIC TRAINING COURSE. THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE TRAINING AREA WAS NOT IDENTIFIED. THE SAME SOURCE ALSO INDICATED THAT THE SECOND PATHET LAO BATTALION HEADQUARTERS WAS LOCATED IN THE CHAVANE AREA.

4. LOCATION:

THE POSSIBLE TRAINING AREA IS LOCATED JUST SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION OF ROUTES 964 AND 165, APPROXIMATELY 1.7 NM WEST OF CHAVANE AIRFIELD

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5. MISSION READOUT:

TROJAN HORSE DICK 12, 29 JANUARY 1966, REVEALS A POSSIBLE MILITARY TRAINING AREA AT 1520N 10702E (UTM YB185975). ONE LARGE

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REVERTED DEFENSE POSITION, FIVE AW POSITIONS, AND AT LEAST SIXTEEN FOXHOLES ARE IN THE AREA.

NO BILLETING FACILITIES OR BIVOUAC AREAS ARE OBSERVED, HOWEVER A WELL USED TRAIL EXTENDS NORTHEAST FOR APPROXIMATELY 1200 METERS TO THE FORMER VILLAGE SITE OF TIAM. THE VILLAGE SITE NOW CONSISTS OF ONE LARGE AND FOUR SMALL BUILDINGS, ALL MAINTAINED IN GOOD CONDITION. THE MAJORITY OF THE BUILDINGS IN TIAM WERE DESTROYED/ DISMANTLED SUBSEQUENT TO THE COMPLETION OF ROUTE 964 IN LATE 1965.

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