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ROUTE 12 BY-PASS WEST MU GIA PASS AREA, LAOS

### 1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS THE THIRD BY-PASS OBSERVED IN THE MU GIA PASS AREA SINCE DECEMBER 1965.

## 2. REMARKS:

THE MU GIA PASS AREA OF ROUTE 12, NEAR THE NORTH VIETNAM/LAOS BORDER, IS CONSIDERED A MAJOR POINT OF ENTRY INTO LAOS FROM NORTH VIETNAM FOR THE TRANSSHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES TO COMMUNIST OPERATIONS IN LAOS AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

### 3. COLLATERAL:

THE MU GIA PASS AREA HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO NUMEROUS AIR STRIKES

SINCE FEBRUARY 1965; HOWEVER, EXTENSIVE REPAIR ACTIVITIES HAVE KEPT

ROUTE 12 SERVICEABLE. INFORMATION DATED 17-18 DECEMBER 1965 REPORTED

VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL MOVING ALONG ROUTE 12 AND THE FIRST REPORTED

ROUTE 12 BY-PASS ROAD. (PHOTOGRAPHY OF REVEALED

THE FIRST BY-PASS ROAD TO BE LOCATED EAST OF ROUTE 12.) A SECOND

BY-PASS ROAD, ALSO LOCATED EAST OF ROUTE 12, WAS OBSERVED ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF REVEALS A

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NEW BY-PASS (POSSIBLY A ROAD) UNDER CONSTRUCTION WEST OF ROUTE 12

NEAR THE MU GIA PASS CHOKE POINT. THE BY-PASS CONSISTS OF A CLEARING
OPERATION WHICH EXTENDS FROM ROUTE 12, JUST WEST OF THE JUNCTION OF
ROUTE 12 AND ROUTE 23 AT 1734N 10543E (UTM WE768424), NORTH THEN
NORTHEAST BETWEEN THE KARST RIDGE LINE AND THE ALIGNMENT OF ROUTE 12
TO 1735N 10543E (UTM WE777444). NO CLEARING OPERATIONS ARE OBSERVED
BEYOND THIS POINT.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF	•	REVEALS	NO	BY-PASS
ROAD OR CLEARING OF	PERATTONS IN THE AREA.	••	:	

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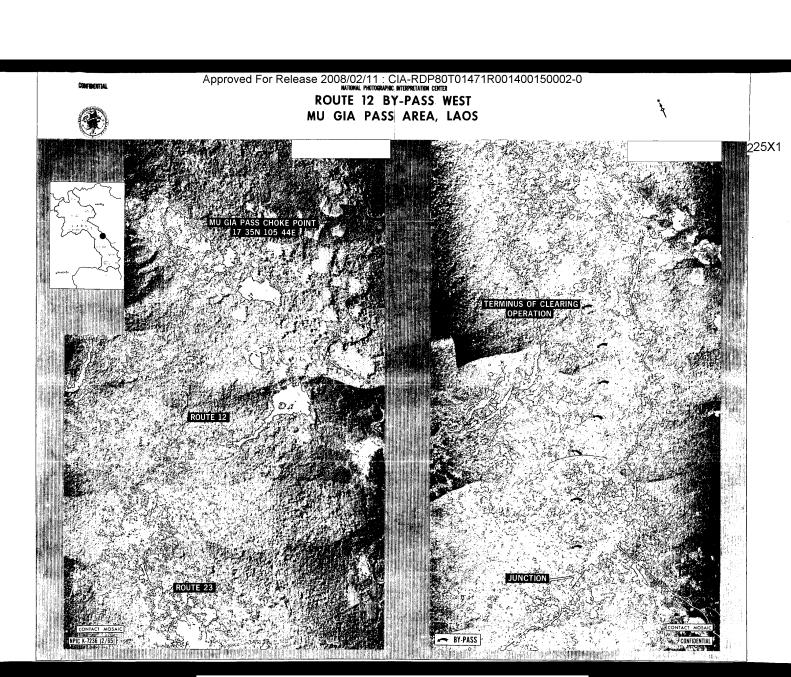
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VEHICLE ACTIVITY
ROUTE 101, NORTH VIETNAM
1741N 10600E

### MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF UE 400B, O1 FEBRUARY 1966, REVEALS APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FOUR TRUCKS ON ROUTE 101, LOCATED 1.2 NM NORTHWEST OF LANG GIEO AND APPROXIMATELY 13 NM SOUTHWEST OF XUAN MAI. THE TRUCKS ARE STOPPED ALONG THE ROAD, FACING EAST, AND ALL ARE CAMOUFLAGED.

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