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CAMBODIAN SUPPLY TRANSFER FACILITIES
CAMBODIA/LAOS SUPPLY ROUTE

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS NEWLY IDENTIFIED SUPPLY TRANSFER FACILITIES IN NORTHERN CAMBODIA ALONG THE SE KONG (RIVER) NEAR THE RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED CAMBODIA/LAOS ROAD.

2. COLLATERAL:

A. COLLATERAL DATED NOVEMBER 1965 WHICH WAS OBTAINED FROM A HIGH-RANKING PATHET LAO DEFECTOR REPORTED THAT SUPPLIES WERE BEING MOVED FROM CAMBODIA NORTH ON THE TONLE KONG (RIVER) (SE KONG IN LAOS) BY BOATS TO TWO STORAGE AREAS LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF ATTOPEU, LAOS.

THE SUPPLIES FOR THE TWO DEPOTS WERE REPORTEDLY BROUGHT UP THE TONLE KONG FROM SIEM PANG, CAMBODIA, NEAR CAMBODIA ROUTE 15. THE SUPPLIES WERE THEN PLACED ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SE KONG NEAR DON FAI ISLAND NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE DAC LAO (RIVER) OR TRANSFERRED DIRECTLY TO OTHER WAITING BOATS. (DON FAI ISLAND IS PROBABLY A REFERENCE TO THE SMALL ISLAND LOCATED JUST SOUTH OF THE LAOTIAN VILLAGE OF BAN DON FAI AT 1427N 10623E). FROM THERE THE SUPPLIES WERE MOVED UP THE

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RIVER TO THE TWO STORAGE DEPOTS.

THE REPORT INDICATED THAT THE BOATS CARRYING THE SUPPLIES WERE FIFTEEN METERS LONG, POWERED BY A FIFTEEN HORSEPOWER MOTOR, AND CAPABLE OF CARRYING UP TO THREE TONS OF CARGO.

B. INFORMATION DATED DECEMBER 1965 OBTAINED FROM A CAMBODIAN SMUGGLER REPORTED THAT IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1965 APPROXIMATELY FORTY BOATS CARRYING RICE AND TWO BOATS CARRYING GASOLINE WENT FROM STUNG TRENG, CAMBODIA, TO THE VICINITY OF BAN DON FAI, LAOS, WHERE THE CARGO WAS DEPOSITED ON THE CAMBODIAN SIDE OF THE RIVER.

3. REMARKS:

THE AREA DEPICTED ON THIS BRIEFING BOARD IS ALSO THE SITE OF RECENT ROAD CONSTRUCTION. A NEW ROAD HAS BEEN OBSERVED EXTENDING NORTH FROM CAMBODIA ROUTE 15 GENERALLY PARALLEL TO THE EAST BANK OF THE TONLE KONG INTO LAOS, AND THEN EAST TO A JUNCTION WITH A NORTH/SOUTH ROAD THAT EXTENDS FROM CHAVANE AIRFIELD SOUTH TO 1.5 NM NORTH OF THE CAMBODIA BORDER AND 4 NM WEST OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

4. MISSION READOUT:

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REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INSTALLATIONS:

A. A PROBABLE TRANSFER POINT IS LOCATED ON THE BANK OF THE SE KONG AT 1432N 10628E (UTM XB582072). AN ACCESS ROAD CONNECTS THE AREA WITH THE NEW CAMBODIA/LAOS ROAD. FIVE DEFENSE POSITIONS ARE OBSERVED NEAR THE JUNCTION OF THE TWO ROADS. THIS IS THE NORTHERNMOST FACILITY OBSERVED AND IT IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY FIVE NM SOUTH OF THE POINT WHERE THE NEW ROAD CROSSES THE LAOS/CAMBODIA BORDER.

B. A PROBABLE TRANSFER POINT IS LOCATED ON THE BANK OF THE SE KONG AT 1431N 10627E (UTM XB564054). AN ACCESS ROAD CONNECTS THE AREA WITH THE NEW CAMBODIA/LAOS ROAD.

C. A PROBABLE TRANSFER POINT IS LOCATED ON THE BANK OF THE SE KONG AT 1428N 10626E (UTM XB554013). TWO ACCESS ROADS FROM THE NEW CAMBODIA/LAOS ROAD CONVERGE AND LEAD INTO THE AREA.

D. A TRANSFER POINT IS LOCATED ON THE BANK OF THE SE KONG AT 1428N 10625E (UTM XB538998). A LOOP ACCESS ROAD PASSES THROUGH THE AREA AND CONNECTS WITH THE NEW CAMBODIA/LAOS ROAD AT UTM XB548002 AND UTM XB533981. THE LOOP ROAD PASSES CLOSE TO THE RIVER AND EXTENDS ALONG THE RIVER BANK FOR AT LEAST 300 METERS.

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THREE PARTIALLY CONCEALED AND/OR CAMOUFLAGED MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT ARE OBSERVED AT THE MOUTH OF A STREAM AT UTM XA537989, AND ONE BOAT IS PROCEEDING NORTH ALONG THE EAST BANK OF THE RIVER JUST SOUTH OF THIS AREA. THREE PATCHES OF ROW CROPS ARE OBSERVED AT UTM XA537999, AND AT LEAST SIX PARTIALLY CONCEALED HUTS ARE NOTED IN THE AREA.

E. A TRANSSHIPPING POINT AND PROBABLE STORAGE FACILITY IS LOCATED ON DON FAI ISLAND AT 1427N 10623E (UTM XA495978). THERE ARE AT LEAST FOUR PARTIALLY CONCEALED HUTS ON THE ISLAND, AND ONE MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT IS OBSERVED LEAVING THE ISLAND AND HEADING DOWN-STREAM. BAN SAN KEO AIRFIELD  IS LOCATED JUST SOUTH OF THE ISLAND IN CAMBODIA.

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F. A TOTAL OF THIRTY-FIVE MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT (EIGHT NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) ARE OBSERVED BETWEEN SIEM PANG, CAMBODIA, AND THE NORTHERNMOST IDENTIFIED PROBABLE TRANSFER POINT. SEVEN CRAFT APPEAR TO BE MOORED TO ROCKS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RIVER AT 1424N 10620E (UTM XA448938), AND ONE CRAFT IS OBSERVED TO BE NEGOTIATING THE RAPIDS JUST NORTH OF THE AREA.

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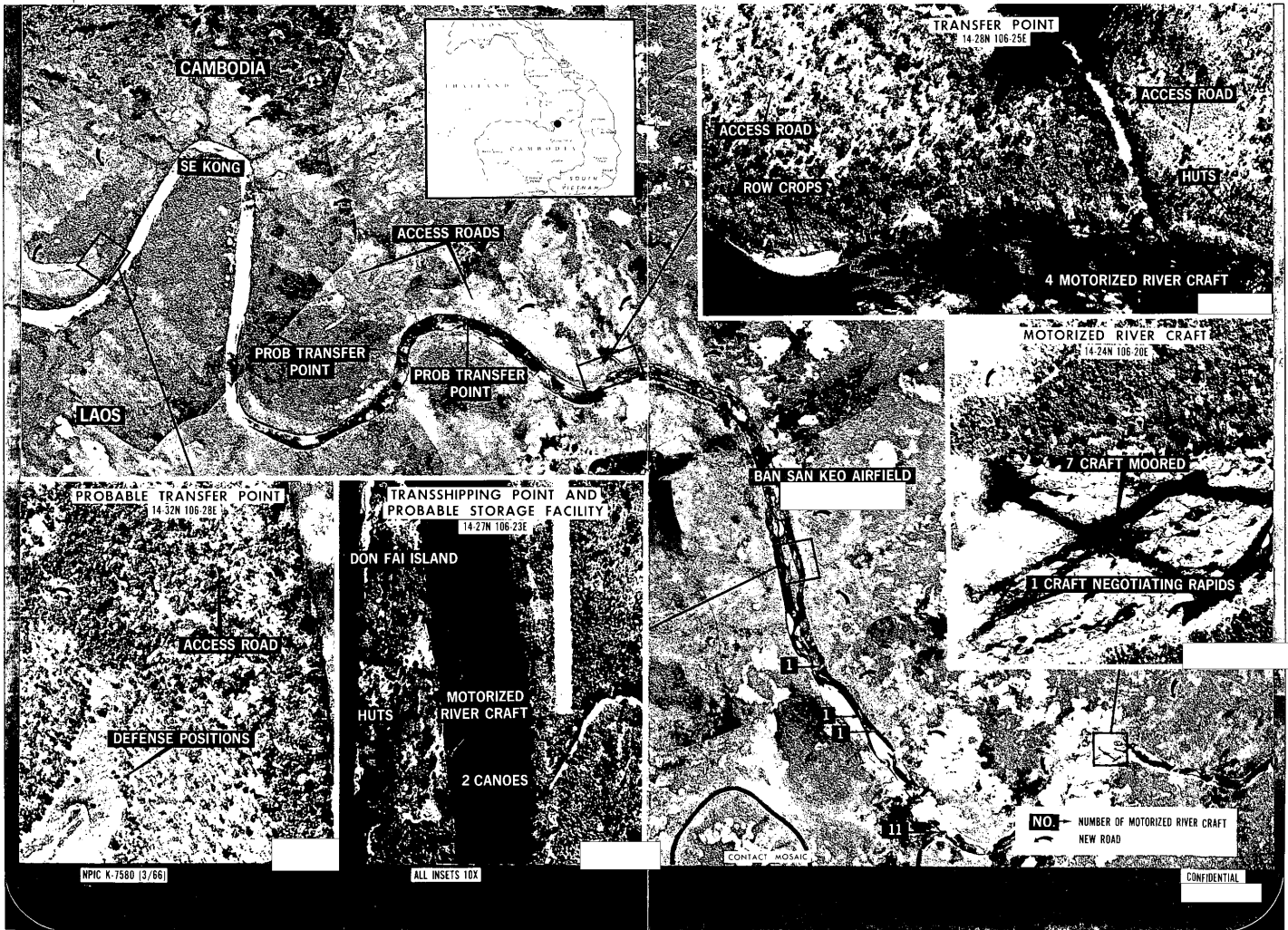
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