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NEWLY IDENTIFIED POL STORAGE AREAS
NORTH VIETNAM

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THREE NEWLY IDENTIFIED AREAS OF POL STORAGE IN NORTH VIETNAM IN THE VINH, BAI THUONG, AND SON CHAU AREAS.

2. REMARKS:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT NINETY-SIX PERCENT OF NORTH VIETNAM'S BULK POL STORAGE CAPACITY IS LOCATED AT ELEVEN KNOWN BULK STORAGE FACILITIES OF SIGNIFICANT SIZE. THE REMAINING FOUR PERCENT OF STORAGE CAPACITY IS IN A NUMBER OF VERY SMALL FACILITIES, INCLUDING SOME OF RECENT CONSTRUCTION. THESE NEWER FACILITIES ARE APPARENTLY A RESPONSE TO U.S. AIR STRIKES, AND GENERALLY CONSIST OF A NUMBER OF SMALL HORIZONTAL TANKS PLACED IN INDIVIDUAL SHALLOW EXCAVATIONS AND MOUNDED OVER WITH EARTH.

3. MISSION READOUT:

A.  REVEALS AN AREA OF BURIED POL STORAGE

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LOCATED IN TWO CLEARINGS WITHIN A WOODED AREA 4.2 NM SOUTH OF BAI THUONG AIRFIELD AT 1951N 10525E (UTM WG436952). POL BURIAL EXCAVATIONS ARE LOCATED ALONG SEVERAL CIRCULAR LOOP ROADS. APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY POL BURIAL MOUNDS, EIGHTEEN OPEN EXCAVATIONS, AND AT LEAST TWENTY POL TANKS ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

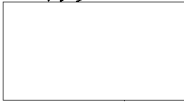
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B.  REVEALS FOURTEEN POL BURIAL MOUNDS

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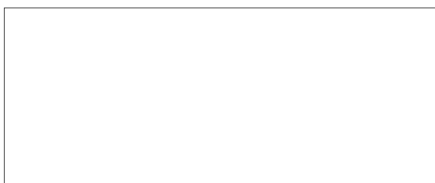
(EIGHT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) AND ONE EMPTY POL BURIAL EXCAVATION LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 4.5 NM NORTH OF VINH AT 1844N 10541E. THE MOUNDS ARE OBSERVED TO BE WITHIN THE TREE LINES ON EITHER SIDE OF SEVERAL SECONDARY ROADS JUST EAST OF VINH AIRFIELD. FIVE VEHICLES ARE ALSO OBSERVED.

C.  REVEALS A POL STORAGE AND TRANS-

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SHIPMENT AREA 0.7 NM SOUTH OF SON CHAU AT 1918N 10543E. THE AREA IS SERVICED BY THE VINH-THANH HOA RAILROAD AND ROUTE 1A. THIRTY-TWO BURIED POL STORAGE BUNKERS, TWO OPEN POL BURIAL EXCAVATIONS, AND FIVE POSSIBLE POL TANKS ARE LOCATED JUST WEST OF THE RAIL LINE AT THE BASE OF A KARST HILL (UTM WG761351). APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED POL DRUMS, EIGHT POL TANKS, AND SEVEN COVERED STACKS (PROBABLE SUPPLY MATERIAL) ARE LOCATED ON A RAIL SIDING BETWEEN THE RAIL LINE AND ROUTE 1A AT UTM WG762352. TWO RAILROAD CARS ARE OBSERVED ON THE RAIL SIDING AND SEVERAL STACKS OF RAILS ARE NOTED BETWEEN THE MAIN RAIL LINE AND THE RAIL SIDING.

FIVE ADDITIONAL POL TANKS ARE OBSERVED IMMEDIATELY EAST OF ROUTE 1A, BETWEEN THE ROUTE AND A KARST HILL (UTM WG763352).



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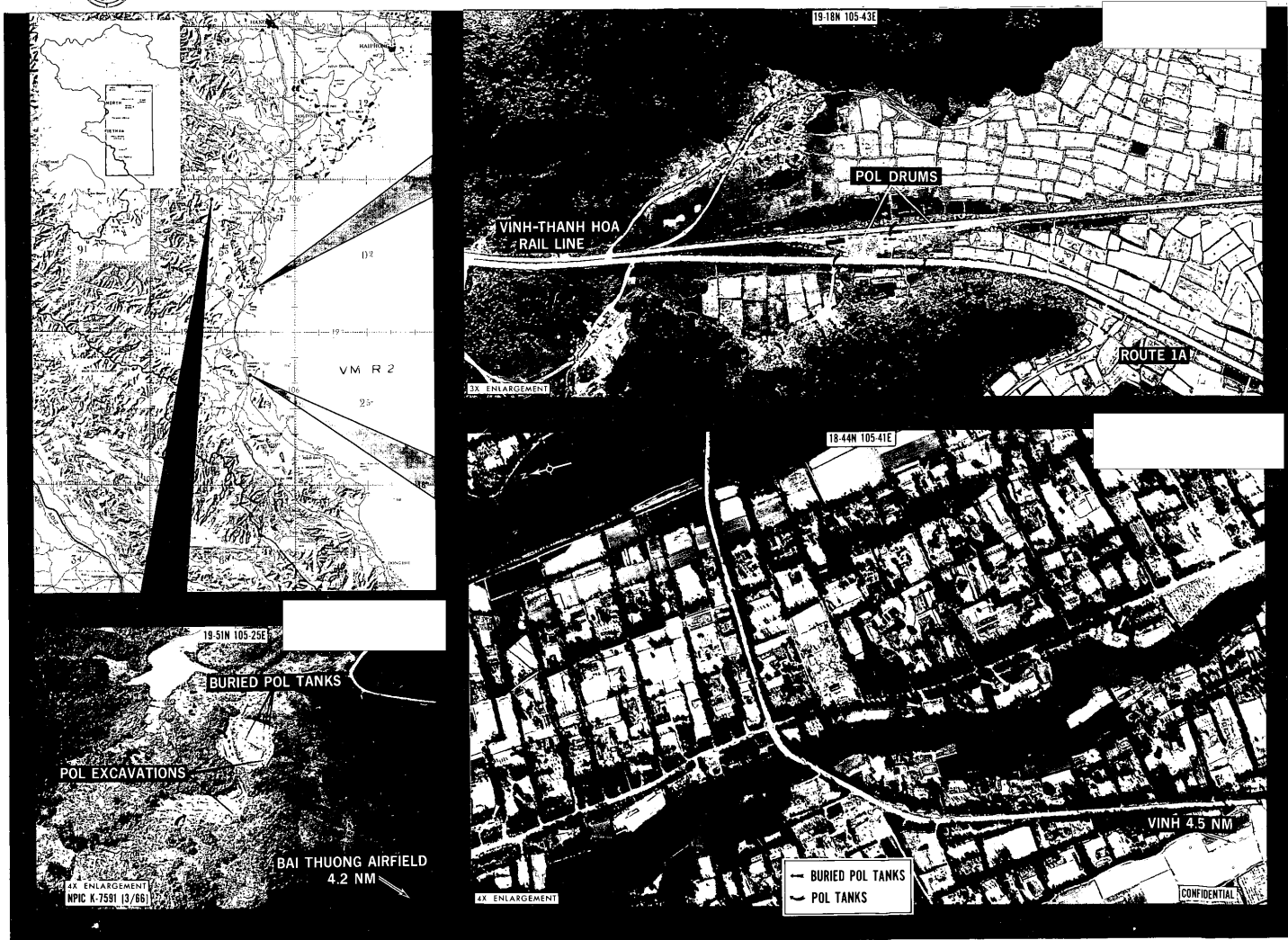
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