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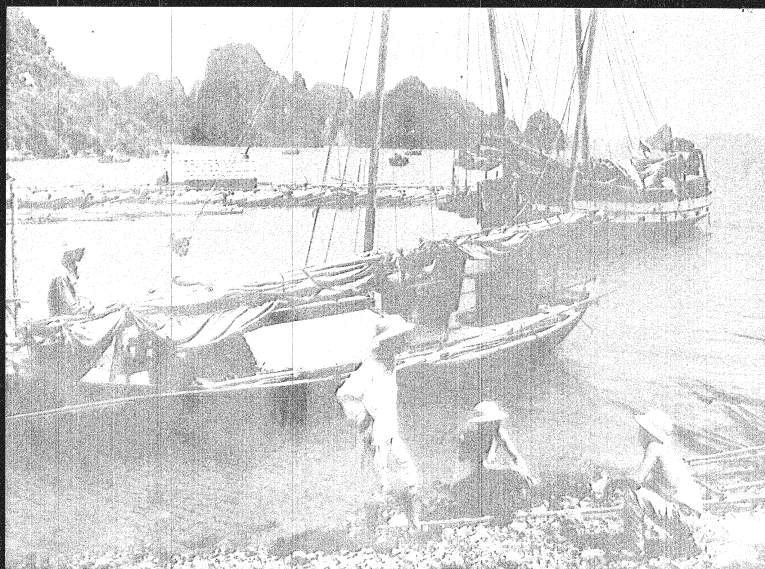
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ROUTE 9 BY-PASS ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION
PANHANDLE AREA, LAOS

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS A NEW ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION WHICH BY-PASSES PART OF ROUTE 9 AND THE RIVER CROSSINGS NEAR SEPONE.

2. MISSION READOUT:

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REVEALS THE FOLLOWING ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY NEAR ROUTES 91, 9, AND 92 IN THE PANHANDLE AREA OF LAOS:

A. THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PREVIOUSLY REPORTED EXTENDS FROM ROUTE 91 (AT 1644N 10608E) SOUTH TO ROUTE 9 (AT 1641N 10608E), AND THEN GENERALLY SOUTH-EAST TO 1630N 10612E. A CLEARING OPERATION IS OBSERVED FROM THAT POINT TO 1635N 10614E (UTM XD510338), 0.2 NM SOUTH OF SEPONE AND A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY TWO NM.

B. ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OBSERVED EXTENDING WEST FROM ROUTE 92 AT 1626N 10629E, 4.3 NM

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NORTH OF MUONG NONG, TO 1628N 10626E. CLEARING OPERATIONS EXTEND FROM THAT POINT TO 1631N 10622E (UTM XD463274), A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 5.5 NM. THE TERMINUS OF THE NEW ROAD IS LOCATED 6.8 NM SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF BAN DONG, AND NEAR THE VISIBLE END OF ITS CONSTRUCTION A BRIDGE IS OBSERVED TO BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TWO OBSERVED CLEARING OPERATIONS IS APPROXIMATELY 8.5 NM. WHEN JOINED, THE COMPLETED ROAD WILL EXTEND BETWEEN ROUTES 91 AND 92, BY-PASSING ROUTE 9 THROUGH SEPONE AND BAN DONG.

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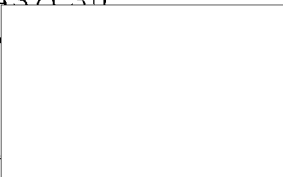

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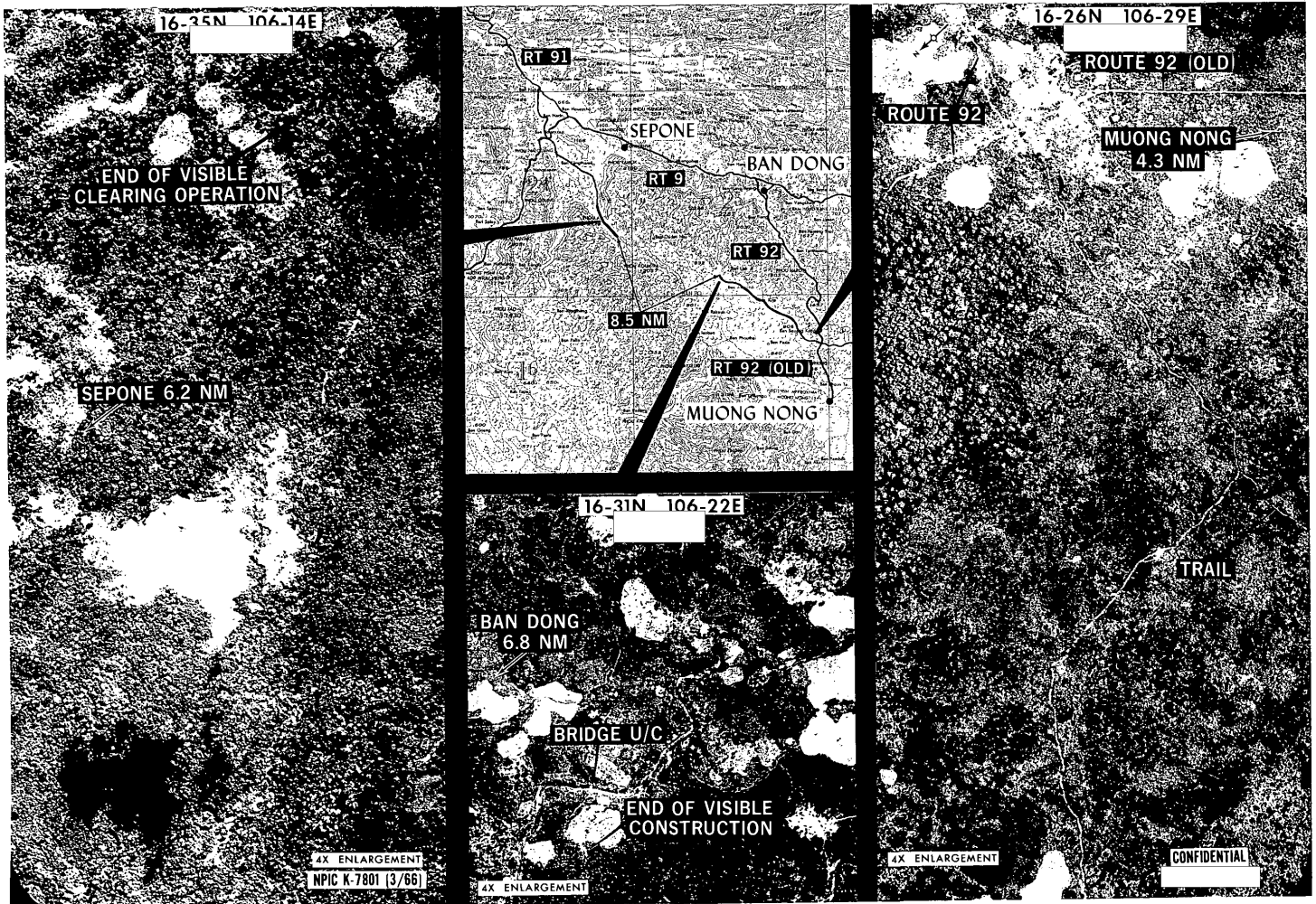
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