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COMPLETED ROAD ALIGNMENT
LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA
1721N 10612E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE COMPLETION OF THE ROAD ALIGNMENT OF NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 137/LAOS ROUTE 912.

2. LOCATION:

THIS ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 53 NM LONG, IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION BETWEEN NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 101 AND LAOS ROUTE 911, CROSSING THE BORDER APPROXIMATELY 34 NM SOUTHEAST OF MU GIA PASS.

3. REMARKS:

IN JANUARY 1966 A ROAD WAS OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM LAOS ROUTE 911, NEAR THE TOWN OF BAN LOUM POUM, NORTHEAST TO WITHIN 8 NM OF THE NORTH VIETNAM BORDER. PHOTOGRAPHY OF EARLY FEBRUARY 1966 REVEALED A CLEARING OPERATION (AN EARLY STAGE OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION) FROM NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 101, NEAR PHONG NHA, SOUTHWEST TO THE LIMIT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE, APPROXIMATELY 9 NM FROM THE LAOS BORDER. BY THE END OF MARCH 1966 THE LAOTIAN PORTION OF THE ROAD HAD BEEN OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO WITHIN 0.4 NM OF THE BORDER, AND ADDITIONAL SEGMENTS OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION WERE OBSERVED IN NORTH VIETNAM TO WITHIN 1.7 NM OF THE BORDER. BAMBOO TRELLISES AND ENPLACED VEGETATION ARE BEING USED TO CONCEAL AND CAMOUFLAGE THIS NEW ROAD IN THE BORDER AREAS.

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4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS THE ALIGNMENT OF THE ROAD BETWEEN NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 101 AND LAOS ROUTE 911 TO BE COMPLETED. THE ALIGNMENT OF THE PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED ROAD SEGMENT EXTENDS FROM 1721N 10612E (UTM XE291188) GENERALLY NORTH-NORTHEAST, CROSSING THE TOUM PROU (STREAM) AT UTM XE305206. AT THIS POINT THE ALIGNMENT TURNS WEST-NORTHWEST TO UTM XE287217 AND THEN GENERALLY NORTH-NORTHEAST TO 1726N 10613E (UTM XE294294). A FORD HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED ACROSS THE CO ROONG (STREAM) AT UTM XE278171, A CAMOUFLAGE TRELLIS IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION NORTH OF THE FORD, AND VEHICLE TRACKS ARE OBSERVED INTERMITTENTLY ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE ROAD ALIGNMENT. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE HOWEVER THAT THE ROAD IS CURRENTLY SUPPORTING THROUGH TRAFFIC.

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[REDACTED] REVEALS A CONSTRUCTED FORD ON ROUTE 912 AT UTM XE278171.

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