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B-52 STRIKE
DON BAI DINH AREA, NORTH VIETNAM
1745N 10540E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE SERVICEABILITY OF THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION IN THE DON BAI DINH AREA OF NORTH VIETNAM, LOCATED JUST NORTH OF THE DEO MU GIA (MU GIA PASS), SUBSEQUENT TO THE B-52 AIR STRIKE OF 26 APRIL 1966. THE MU GIA PASS IS A MAJOR POINT OF ENTRY INTO LAOS FROM NORTH VIETNAM FOR THE SHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES TO COMMUNIST OPERATIONS IN LAOS AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

THE B-52 STRIKE AREA IS LOCATED ALONG ROUTE 15 IN NORTH VIETNAM, IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF DON BAI DINH AND 4.7 NM NORTH OF THE LAOS BORDER.

3. REMARKS:

ON 11 APRIL TWENTY-NINE US AIR FORCE B-52 AIRCRAFT CONDUCTED THE FIRST HEAVY BOMBER ATTACK (ROCK KICK III)

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AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM BY STRIKING ROUTE 15 IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER IN THE MU GIA PASS AREA, ATTEMPTING TO DISRUPT AND IMPEDE VEHICULAR MOVEMENT ON THE NORTH VIETNAM APPROACH ROUTE TO THE PASS. THIRTY OF THE EXPENDED BOMBS WERE FUZED FOR A THIRTY-SIX HOUR DELAY.

THE SECOND AIR STRIKE BY B-52 AIRCRAFT (BIG KITE) TOOK PLACE ON 26 APRIL. NINETY OF THE EXPENDED BOMBS HAD DELAYED FUZES -- HALF SET TO EXPLODE AFTER THIRTY-SIX HOURS, AND THE REMAINDER AT THE END OF SIX DAYS.

4. BACKGROUND:

SUBSEQUENT TO THE FIRST B-52 STRIKE, MISSIONS

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DAMAGE IN THE MU GIA PASS AREA. THIS AREA WAS NOT OBSERVED

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5. MISSION READOUTS:

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THAT ROUTE 15 HAS BEEN RENDERED UNSERVICEABLE AS A RESULT

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OF TWENTY-THREE ROAD INTERDICTIONS. FOURTEEN DAMAGED/DESTROYED TRUCKS ARE NOTED ON ROUTE 15 IN THE VICINITY OF DON BAI DINH.

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THAT THE ROAD HAS BEEN OPENED, WITH VEHICLE TRACKS EVIDENT ALONG THE ENTIRE B-52 TARGET AREA. IN ADDITION TO THE DAMAGED/DESTROYED TRUCKS NOTED ON THE [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY, TWO UNDAMAGED TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED ON THE REOPENED PORTION OF ROUTE 15.

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