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ROUTE 92 STATUS BAN BAC AREA, LAOS

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE STATUS OF ROUTE 92 AND AN ALTERNATE ALIGNMENT OF ROUTE 92 IN THE BAN BAC AREA OF LAOS.

2. LOCATION:

BAN BAC IS LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN LAOTIAN PANHANDLE, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-EIGHT NM NORTHWEST OF SARAVANE.

3. REMARKS:

ROUTE 92 IS A SEGMENT OF THE NORTH-SOUTH ROUTE EXTENDING INTO THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE THAT IS USED BY THE PATHET LAO/PAVN FORCES.

4. MISSION READOUT:

REVEAL

ALTERNATE ROUTE 92, PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS BEING CLOSED (NPIC CABLES CITE 7072, DTG 302244Z, APRIL 1966, AND CITE 7113, DTG 040219Z, MAY 1966) TO AGAIN BE CLOSED AS A RESULT OF LANDSLIDES AND THE COLLAPSE OF THE ROAD EMBANKMENT AT 1550N 10645E (UTM XC888523). THERE IS NO APPARENT ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO REMOVE THE DEBRIS OR TO RESTORE THE COLLAPSED ROADBED.

ROUTE 92 IS CLOSED BECAUSE OF RECENT AIR STRIKES THAT HAVE RESULTED IN LANDSLIDES AT 1551N 10646E (UTM XC901538), 0.6 NM NORTH OF BAN BAC. THERE IS NO REPAIR WORK NOTED.

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A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED FORD (NPIC CABLE CITE 6881, DTG 082314Z, APRIL 1966) CROSSING THE SE KONG (RIVER) AT 1550N 10647E (UTM XC908522) SHOWS NO SIGNS OF RECENT VEHICULAR USE AND APPEARS UNSERVICABLE DUE TO HIGH WATER AND BOMB CRATERS IN THE VICINITY.

EIGHT NEWLY OBSERVED DESTROYED TRUCKS ARE NOTED IN A TRUCK PARK AT 1551N 10644E (UTM XC857533) 1.6 NM NORTHWEST OF THE CLOSED SEGMENT OF ROUTE 92 ALTERNATE. SIX NEWLY OBSERVED DESTROYED TRUCKS ARE ALSO OBSERVED ON BOTH SIDES OF ROUTE 923, 0.3 NM SOUTHWEST OF THE UNSERVICEABLE FORD.

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