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RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY  
NORTH VIETNAM

(FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SEE BRIEFING BOARD K-9985)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE PROBABLE ADDITION OF A THIRD RAIL ON A SEGMENT OF THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE.

2. BACKGROUND:

DUAL GAUGE TRACK HAS BEEN OBSERVED ON THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE AS FAR NORTH AS THE CAO NUNG RAILROAD BRIDGE AT 2133N 10629E, AND AS FAR SOUTH AS THE KEP RAILROAD YARD AT 2124N 10617E.

RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OBSERVED BETWEEN THAI NGUYEN AND KEP. THIS RAIL LINE IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND CONNECTS WITH THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE 1.8 NM NORTHEAST OF KEP AT 2125N 10628E.

3. MISSION READOUT:

1. PHOTOGRAPHY

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REVEALS THE

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JUNCTION OF THE KEP/THAI NGUYEN RAIL LINE (WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION) AND THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE. DUAL GAUGE TRACK IS OBSERVED ON THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION, AND THE KEP/THAI NGUYEN RAIL LINE IS OBSERVED TO BE STANDARD GAUGE ONLY. NUMEROUS PERSONNEL ARE OBSERVED WORKING IN THE AREA. [REDACTED]

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2. PHOTOGRAPHY

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TRAIN CONSISTING OF ONE ENGINE AND TWENTY CARS IN A TWO TRACK YARD  
4.5 NM SOUTHWEST OF KEP AT 2120N 10615E. A LARGE NUMBER OF RAILROAD  
TIES AND VARIOUS UNIDENTIFIED CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ARE OBSERVED  
PILED ADJACENT TO THE TRACKS. [REDACTED]

3. PHOTOGRAPHY

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REVEALS A

WORK TRAIN UNLOADING BALLAST 5 NM SOUTHWEST OF KEP AT 2119N 10615E.  
A NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ARE OBSERVED WORKING ON AND ABOUT THE TRAIN.  
UNDISTRIBUTED BALLAST IS ALSO EVIDENT IN THE AREA. [REDACTED]

4. PHOTOGRAPHY

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REVEALS A

LARGE NUMBER OF RAILROAD TIES NEAR THE METER GAUGE TRACK 1.2 NM  
WEST OF BAC GIANG AT 2116N 10610E. [REDACTED]

5. PHOTOGRAPHY

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REVEALS

NUMEROUS MOUNDS OF UNDISTRIBUTED BALLAST LOCATED 1.7 NM WEST OF BAC  
GIANG. [REDACTED]

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