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DISTR. FEBRUARY 1973

COUNTRY: LAOS

DOI: 20 - 27 JANUARY 1973

SUBJECT: AIRSTRIP CONSTRUCTION AT BAN NAKAY NEUA, IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE, LAOS

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ACQ: LAOS, VIENTIANE (7 FEBRUARY 1973).

1. ANALYSIS [REDACTED] DATED 20 AND 27 JANUARY 1973 REVEALED A AIRSTRIP UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT BAN NAKAY NEUA (VH 1957), 16 KILOMETERS EAST OF THE RECENTLY RECONSTRUCTED SAM NEUA AIRFIELD. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A NEW AIRSTRIP HAS BEEN OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY THE PATHET LAO AND NORTH VIETNAMESE IN LAOS.

2. ANALYSIS OF 20 JANUARY 1973 [REDACTED] REVEALED THE INITIAL GROUND CLEARING OF THE AIRSTRIP UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT BAN NAKAY NEUA. BY 27 JANUARY [REDACTED] REVEALED EXTENSIVE GROUND CLEARING AND LEVELING WITH THE LENGTH OF THE AIRSTRIP CLEARLY DEFINED. AT LEAST TWO TRUCKS AND TWO BULLDOZERS ALONG WITH NUMEROUS HAND

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LABORERS WERE OBSERVED WORKING ON THE AIRSTRIP. PILES OF AGGREGATE FOR SURFACING WERE OBSERVED BEING SPREAD ON THE NORTHWEST END OF THE AIRSTRIP. THE AIRSTRIP IS GENERALLY ORIENTED FROM NORTHWEST TO SOUTHWEST AND IS APPROXIMATELY 2800 FEET IN LENGTH AND CENTERED AT VH 192573.

3. FIELD DISSEM. EMBASSY, AMATT, AIRATT AT VIENTIANE, SENT TO USMACV, 7TH AIR FORCE, 7/13TH AIR FORCE, 7TH RRFS, CINCPAC, ARPAC, PACAF, PACFLT AND SAIGON.

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