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July 17, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: AL HAIG
SUBJECT: Hainan Island Intrusions

At Tab A is a further report on the intrusion of Hainan Island on July 15. The pilot reports that he saw ground and therefore turned to the west. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] The pilot received a garbled 25X1 warning that he was approaching the buffer zone but did not think this warning was directed to him.

At Tab B is a report that a P-3 aircraft penetrated the buffer zone on July 15 but did not get closer to the PRC border than about 15 nautical miles.

Attachments

MORI/CDF
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Navy review completed

NSA review
completed

State Dept review completed

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

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BORDER INTRUSION OF HAINAN ISLAND

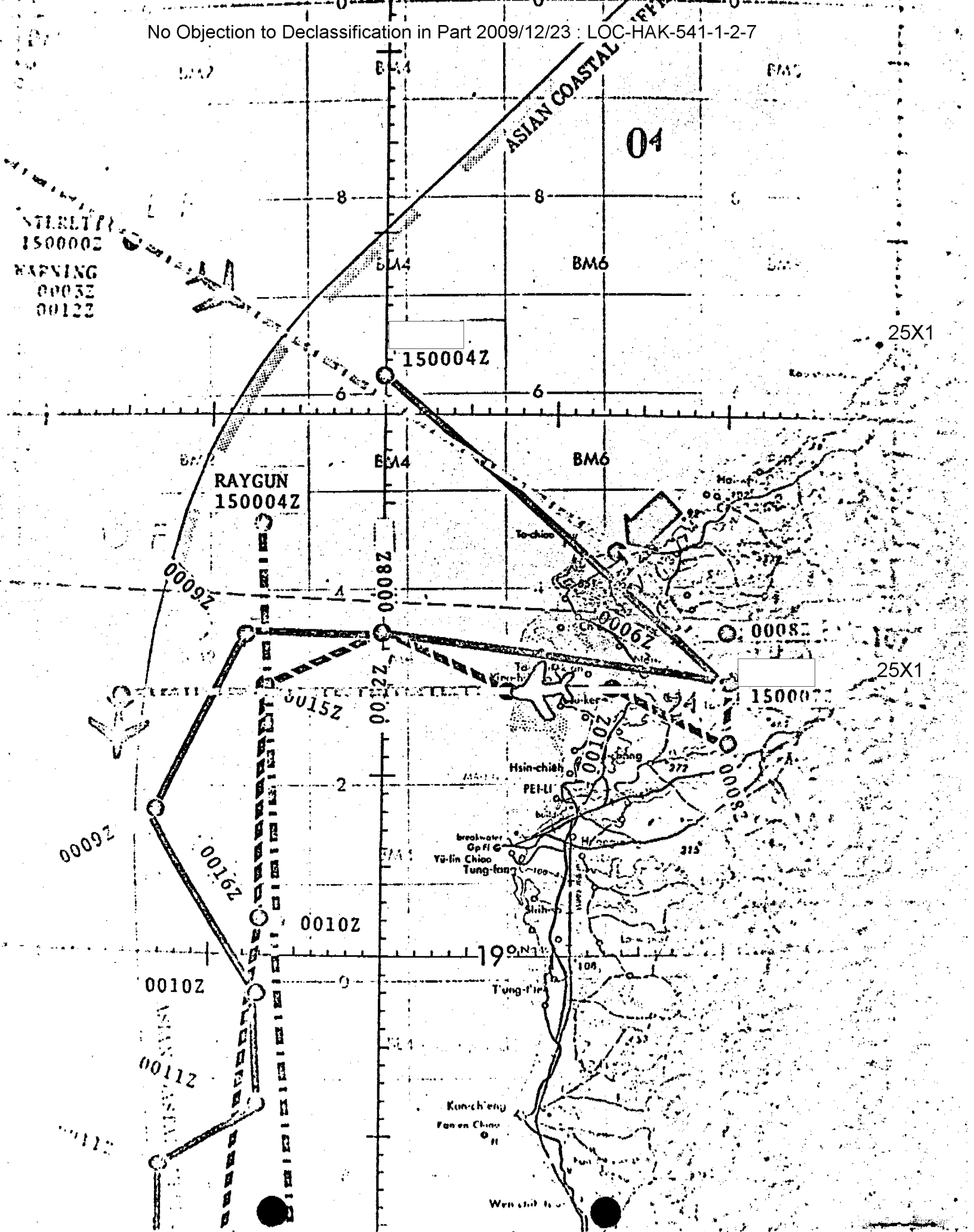
CTG 77.6, in response to multiple previous indications, confirmed that an intrusion of the border of Hainan Island did occur. Debrief of pilot (RAYGUN 512- KA6D Tanker) indicates pilot saw ground at 150006Z at the position of the red arrow and proceeded along exit track (green and white). Pilot received garbled border violation warning broadcast by USS STERETT (PIRAZ) at 150003 but did not connect warning with RAYGUN 512. Tracking which accompanied the intrusion is as follows:

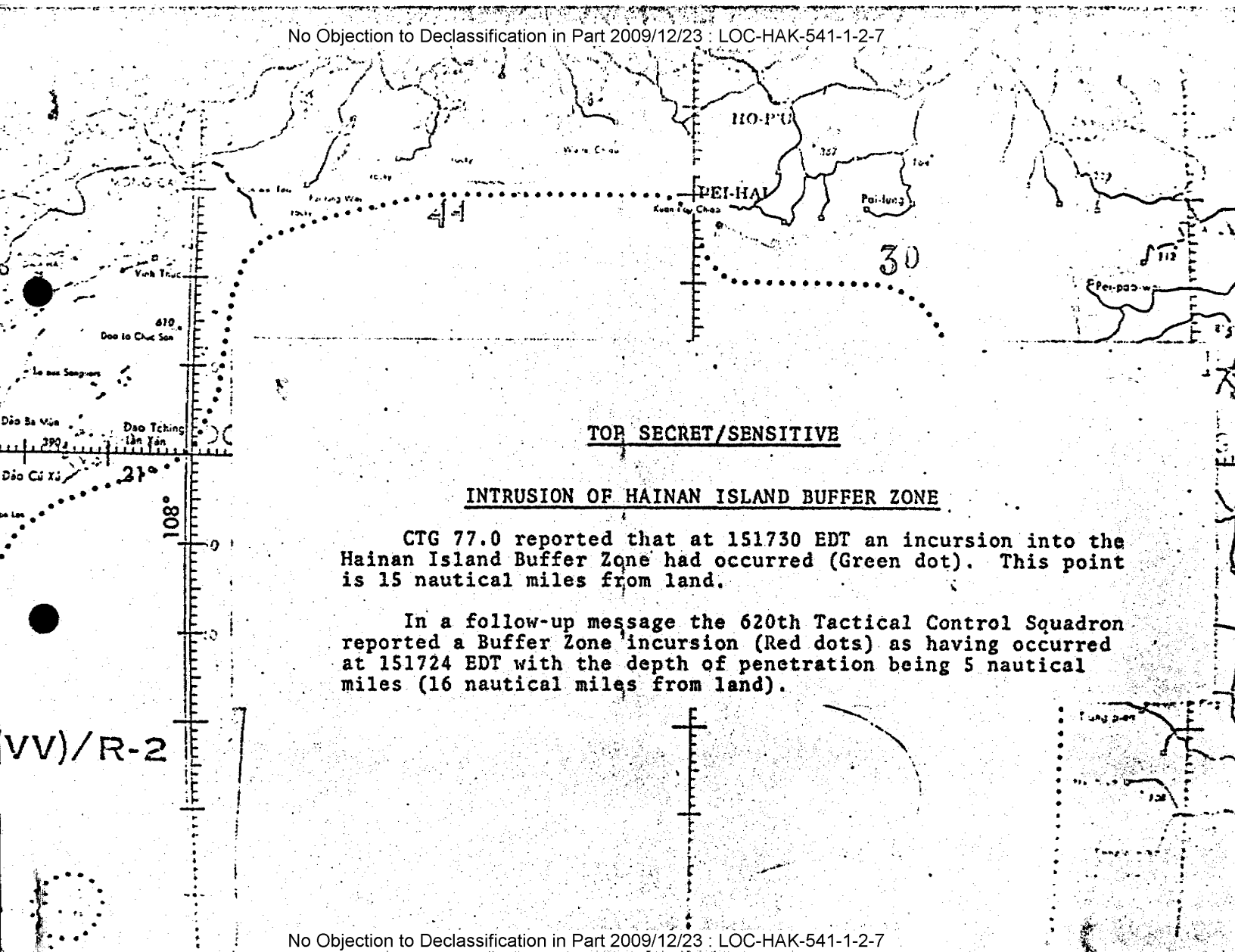
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b. USS SARATOGA reported a USS AMERICA aircraft (RAYGUN 512- KA6D Tanker) violating the buffer zone. Positions are as shown in blue.

c. ~~USS STERETT (PIRAZ)~~ reported two points (black dots) on RAYGUN. The first approximately 30 NM off the island at 150000Z. STERETT reported aircraft flew on southerly heading to second point shown. STERETT track is approximately 3 miles west of the track given by USS AMERICA. The two southern points do not agree as to location but do agree in times.

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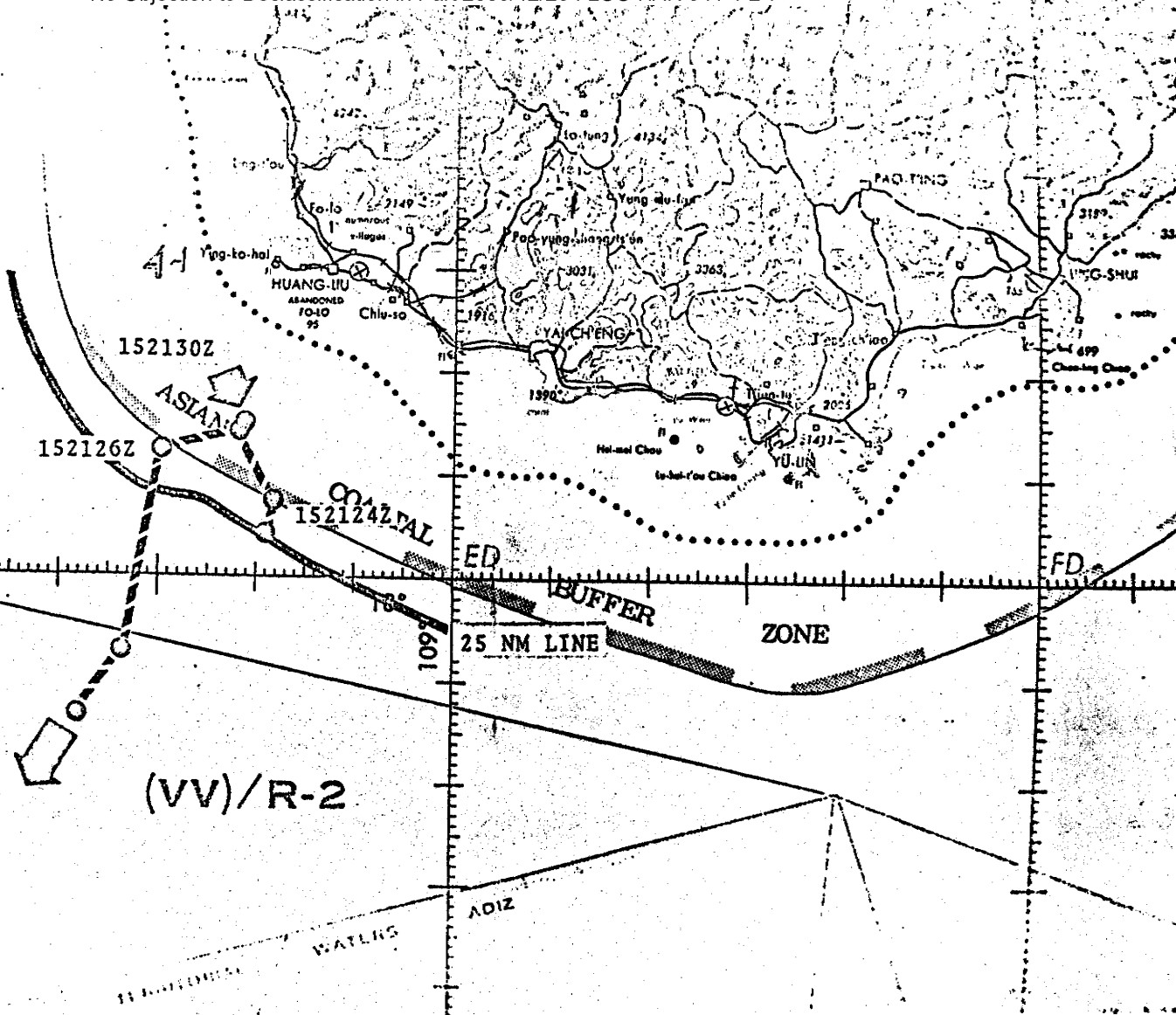
INTRUSION OF HAINAN ISLAND BUFFER ZONE

CTG 77.0 reported that at 151730 EDT an incursion into the Hainan Island Buffer Zone had occurred (Green dot). This point is 15 nautical miles from land.

In a follow-up message the 620th Tactical Control Squadron reported a Buffer Zone incursion (Red dots) as having occurred at 151724 EDT with the depth of penetration being 5 nautical miles (16 nautical miles from land).

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