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Visual Reconnaissance for 22 October 1971 (U)

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1. (C) The following areas are submitted in priority order for visual reconnaissance on 22 October 1971. Essential Elements of Information are provided for each area.

a. 2-17 Cav:

(1) Rte 616 and Rte 616 Bypass. Determine interdiction status and extent of activity on these routes from vicinity FB Leatherneck to the Laotian border. Locate truck parks/supply sites/FOL points/ bulldozers along the routes. Determine routes of infiltration of men and equipment across the border along the Vietnam salient. Determine means of bypassing interdiction points on these routes. Support sensor implant operation on Rte 616 between V-3 and V-4.

(2) Provide recommendations on the following grids as permanent interdiction points:

- a. YD246141 - road along ledge
- b. YD248137-YD253130 - road follows ledge thru series of switchbacks, tight corners and grades.
- c. YD258125 - road along ledge
- d. YD291085-YD295084 - road follows steep ridge
- e. YD302088 - sidehill cut and ford
- f. YD354037 - ford

(3) Rte 616 extension. Determine extent of construction effort on the route since the last VR. Locate bulldozers/supply sites along the route. Provide a current estimate of time and effort necessary to open and maintain the route.

(4) Rte 922/9222. Conduct route reconnaissance with emphasis on interdiction status and method of bypassing interdictions along the route. Locate truck parks/caches/AA/AW positions reported along the routes.

(5) Border area from QL-9 to Rte 616. Determine the trafficability of Rte 611 (route along the border from QL-9 to Rte 616). Determine the status of the route and its current trace.

(6) Southern DaKrong Valley from FB Ranger to FB Erskine. Determine extent of infiltration through the area.

(7) T-6 and T-7. Determine any indications of recent use or attempts to improve these routes for infiltration. Determine trafficability of T-7.

b. 3-5 Cav:

(1) QL-9 (west of Khe Sanh), Rte 608, Rte 608 Ext and Red Devil Road. Conduct detailed route reconnaissance with emphasis on interdiction status. Provide detailed recommendations on the following grids as permanent interdiction points.

- a. XD806623 - steep ridge
- b. XD794616 - steep ridge, switchback
- c. XD788612 - steep ridge, falls into river
- d. YD010565 - roadway cut thru shale cliff
- e. XD999474 - bridge
- f. YD007467 - bridge
- g. YD002452 - bridge
- h. XD975434 - roadway

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- i. XD921398 - sheer rock cliff
- j. XD896396 - roadway
- k. XD905494 - roadway

(2) Rte 608 extension with emphasis in vicinity of the Laotian border. Determine whether 122mm gun reported on 15 Oct 71 is in good condition; and that the gun is not one of four discovered by A/2-17 during Lam-Son 810. Search for caches/truck parks along the route. Determine enemy's intentions to reclaim and replenish caches destroyed in the area during Lam-Son 810.

(3) Area north of Red Devil Road with emphasis on the vicinity of XD8854. Locate elements operating or passing through the area as indicated by URS's and sensor activations detected on 21 Oct 71.

(4) Area north of QL-9 from FB Cates to the Punchbowl. Determine size and activity of enemy elements operating in the area.

c. Bilk PAC: Rte 616 and Rte 616 Bypass. Locate truck parks/bulldozers/caches along Rte 616 in the salient.

2. (C) 220TH RAC:

(1) QL-9 west of Khe Sanh. Take hand-held photos of QL-9 in area where road is interdicted with emphasis on culvert reported west of junction of QL-9 with Rte 608 at XD849383.

(2) Provide recommendations of following grids as permanent interdiction points:

- a. XD851656 - steep ridge, deep switchback
- b. XD838657 - steep ridge, falling into river
- c. XD824649 - steep ridge, falling into river
- d. XD798664 - steep ridge
- e. XD807666 - steep ridge, small switchback
- f. XD800648 - junction of 3 sections of road, steep ridge
- g. XD808651 - steep ridge

(3) Rte 102 Ext, Rte 103 Ext and Greene-Alpine Road. Conduct route reconnaissance with emphasis on interdiction points.

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