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Visual Reconnaissance for 27 October 1971 (U)

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1. (C) The following areas are submitted in priority order for visual reconnaissance on 27 October 1971. Essential Elements of Information are provided for each area.

a. 2-17 Cav:

- (1) Rte 616 Ext. Determine extent of construction effort on the route since last VR. Locate bulldozers/supply sites along the route. Provide a current estimate of time and effort necessary to open and maintain the route.
- (2) Southern Da Krong Valley in FB Cunningham-FB Erskine-FB Ranger area. Determine type and size of elements in the area and extent of activity. Locate supply points/caches in the area. Locate routes of infiltration through the area.
- (3) Rte 616 and Rte 616 Bypass. Determine interdiction status and extent of activity on these routes from FB Leatherneck to the Laotian border. Determine means of bypassing interdiction points on these routes. Locate truck parks/supply sites/POL points/bulldozers along the routes. Determine routes of infiltration/withdrawal of men and equipment reported in the area last week.
- (4) Rte 922/9222. Determine method of bypassing interdictions along the routes. Locate truck parks/caches/AA/AW positions reported along the routes.
- (5) T-7. Determine the trafficability of T-7. Provide an estimate of time and effort required to make it trafficable to vehicles.
- (6) Vicinity FB Separ, FB Whip, FB Thor. Determine extent of activity and size of elements in the area.
- (7) 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.
- (8) Laotian border from Rte 548 to vicinity FB Pike. Locate routes of infiltration and signs of traffic across the border from BA 607.

ALTERNATE AREAS:

- (1) Huong Kuong Valley. Determine extent and type of activity in vicinity of valley.
- (2) Song Ta Track Valley south of FB Arsenal. Determine extent of infiltration along the river. Locate caches in the area.
- (3) Hue-Phu Bai-Camp Eagle Rocket Belts. Detect launching sites/caches in the rocket belt areas. Detect signs of recent trail activity in these areas.

b. 3-5 Cav:

- (1) QL-9 (with emphasis east of the Sank), Rte 608, Rte 608 Ext and Red Devil Road. Conduct detailed route reconnaissance with emphasis on interdiction status. Support sensor implant operation vicinity XD7936.
- (2) Vicinity XD7744. Locate enemy units operating in the area as indicated by URS detected on 21 Oct 71.
- (3) Eastern DMZ area. Determine routes of infiltration and extent of traffic across the DMZ. Determine size and activity of elements in the area with emphasis in vicinity of C-1 and A-2.
- (4) Vicinity FB Henderson. Determine type and extent of activity and direction of movement of estimated 40-60 persons reported in the area on 25 Oct 71.

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ALTERNATE AREAS:

- (1) Area along province boundary vicinity FB Sword. Locate signs of increased infiltration through the area as indicated by recent enemy activity in the lowlands. Locate caches in the area.
- (2) Ba Long Valley from FB Hooker to FB Pedro. Locate caches in the area. Determine extent of activity and size of elements in the area.
- (3) Camp Evans Rocket Belt. Locate cache sites/rocket launching sites in the area.

c. Bilk FAC:

- (1) Viet-Lao border from Rte 616 to Rte 9222. Determine extent of road construction activity and a trace of any routes in vicinity of the border. Determine infiltration routes across and parallel to the border.
- (2) Laotian salient. Determine routes of infiltration through the area. Locate bulldozers/truck parks/caches in the area.

2. (C) 220TH RAC:

- (1) QL-9 west of Khe Sanh. Take hand-held photos of QL-9 in areas where road is interdicted with emphasis on culvert 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. XD805651 - steep ridge
- (3) Rte 102 Ext, Rte 103 Ext and Greene-Alpine Road. Conduct route reconnaissance with emphasis on interdiction points.

ALTERNATE AREAS:

- (1) Eastern DMZ area. Determine routes of infiltration and extent of traffic across the DMZ. Locate launching sites and caches in the area.
- (2) Area along province boundary vicinity FB Sword. Locate signs of increased infiltration through the area as indicated by recent enemy activity in the lowlands.

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